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GERMANS BOMBARD COAST OF ENGLAND

NAVAL FIGHT IS PROBABLE IN NORTH SEA

Bombardment is First Overt Act by Germany Against British Territory

DISPATCHES INDICATED ENEMY WAS PREPARING

Britain's Fleet in North Sea Waiting Attack is Very Formidable

London, Dec. 16.—The bombardment of cities on the east coast of England by German cruisers is the first overt act of the war against British territory. The British people have felt that their fleet in the North Sea was sufficient to render this possibility very remote.

The official announcement given out in London that British flotillas have been engaged with the enemy is evidence that there has been a naval fight in the North Sea. The bombardment of Hartlepool and Scarborough would indicate that the Germans have considerable liberty of action. There doubtless has been more than one naval encounter in the North Sea, for the British statement refers to engagements at various points.

Immediately on the outbreak of hostilities the British fleet, or at least a considerable portion of it, supposedly took up positions on the eastern side of the North Sea, by which the German warships were held in check or in close to their naval base at Wilhelmshaven, the mouth of the Elbe and elsewhere on the western coast of Germany.

This patrol has been maintained since early in August. It has from time to time been penetrated by German submarines, but so far as is known, the instances when German cruisers or battleships have broken through the British line and emerged into the North Sea have been few and far between.

Dispatches from Germany for as much as a month past have indicated in one way or another that the Germans were making preparations at their sea bases for naval activity. Very little detail of what was going on has come out, nevertheless these movements led to the belief that the German ships might soon attempt some manoeuvre.

The Kiel canal, running from the North Sea to the Baltic, makes it possible for Germany to concentrate her entire fleet in either one water or the other. By bringing through the canal such vessels as she may have used in the Baltic since the beginning of the war, Germany could concentrate in the North Sea virtually her entire naval strength, exception being made, of course, of her fast cruisers which since the opening of hostilities have operated in the Pacific Ocean and in the Southern Atlantic. These vessels, all told, do not exceed nine or ten and a number of them already have succumbed to the vigilance of Germany's enemies.

The British naval strength in the North Sea is, and has been, an unknown quantity. There is every reason to believe, however, that it is extremely formidable. Great Britain has some warships in the Mediterranean, and during the last six weeks it is widely believed that some of her ships for service in the Southern Atlantic to pursue Germany's cruisers which have been raiding commerce.

How many vessels were assigned to this latter duty is not known. Whatever the disposition of British ships of war outside of British waters may be to-day, there has been from the beginning reliable evidence that she has now concentrated in the North Sea a very large proportion of her naval strength.

CRACOW PREPARING FOR FINAL RUSSIAN ATTACK

Civil Authorities Leave for Vienna
Schools Turned Into Hospitals
Art Treasures Removed.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 16.—Arrivals here from Cracow report that the civil authorities of the Austrian fortress have gone to Vienna, and that the middle-class population is fleeing into Hungary. Gangs of workmen and soldiers are said to be busy preparing entrenchments and barricades of all descriptions. Art treasures have been taken to places of safety, and the museums and schools have been converted into hospitals.

The newspapers of Cracow have suspended and the absence of news is reported to be increasing the alarm of the inhabitants.

GERMANS HOPED TO DRAW OFF BRITISH

Strategic Move to Entice Warships From Regular Lines of Defence

Washington, Dec. 16.—The German naval raid on British coast towns excited widespread attention in naval, military and diplomatic circles here and was the absorbing topic in official and congressional circles. The first feeling was one of surprise that the cordon of British ships which was said to form a ring of assured defence around the British Isles had been suddenly penetrated and serious damage inflicted on the British coast ports.

It was pointed out that this might put to a serious test the late Rear-Admiral Mahan's noted theory of sea power, according to which a strong naval force could hold at bay the attacks of invaders. It was recalled also that the northeast coast of England in the immediate vicinity of to-day's German attack had been the historic point of German invasion in the past, the Norsemen having entered through the Humber and advanced toward York, where the famous battle of Stamford was fought. All historic Danish and Teutonic movements also have been across the North Sea against the cities of the north coast of England, although Napoleon's projected invasion was to have been from Boulogne and Calais against Folkestone and points along the southern coast.

Against such movements British sea-power has been counted on as the chief defence. In the best posted naval circles here to-day's bombardment is regarded as a strategic manoeuvre which may have far-reaching consequences. The first purpose, as explained by one of the foremost naval strategists, is to create a scare which will lead to hurried concentration and change of movement of the main British battle fleet and expose those ships to attack in unexpected quarters. An examination of the latest naval data shows, this expert says, that the bombardment ports are without dockyards or defences, and are therefore of no military value for purposes of capture or occupation. For that reason he holds that the chief purpose of the bombardment was strategic—first to produce a condition of excitement and panic among the people and second to serve as a bait by which the four German cruisers making the attack will at once draw a large force of British ships away from their established lines of defence. The four German cruisers could not in themselves, this expert holds, be a serious menace to the British coast.

Discussion of the raid among diplomats friendly to the allies led to the expression of opinions that the first direct attack on British soil would in all probability develop advantageously to Britain by bringing the public face to face with actual war and would perhaps stimulate recruiting. Those in touch with the department of the marine situation so far in the war were of the opinion that the raid was rather a piece of naval strategy than an attempt to land troops on British soil.

The morning train from Scarborough to Hull brought many passengers, who left Scarborough when the shelling commenced. One railroad man wired his wife here from Scarborough saying: "Shells flying thick around me, but I am all right."

THREE CRUISERS WERE FROM RED CAR SHORE

At Eight o'Clock To-day Cannonading Was Heard Continuing Over Half Hour.

Red Car, York, Eng., Dec. 16.—Heavy firing was heard off the coast here between 8 and 8.25 a. m. to-day. The forms of three cruisers could be discerned looming out of the haze and the flashes of artillery fire could easily be observed from the Red Car promenade.

The people of Red Car sought the waterfront but they were driven back from the promenade by the military authorities to a point beyond the zone of danger. It appeared from here as if the hostile warships were attacking the forts on Tees Bay. The cannonading was kept up for more than half an hour when the booming of guns gradually grew less.

During the height of the bombardment as many as half a dozen flashes of guns were counted within the space of two minutes.

Red Car is a seaside resort in the north riding of Yorkshire, ten miles to the south of Hartlepool. It has a population of about 8,000.

TORPEDO BOAT FLOTILLA ENCOUNTERED CRUISERS

Hartlepool, Dec. 16.—It is reported here that a flotilla of British torpedo boat destroyers early this morning encountered three German cruisers eight miles off the English coast. The cruisers immediately opened fire.



SECTION OF YORKSHIRE COAST BOMBARDED BY GERMAN CRUISERS

TEN KILLED BY SHELLS BUILDINGS DAMAGED IN ALL TOWNS BOMBARDED

Hull, Eng., Dec. 16.—Nine persons are reported to have been killed at Hartlepool and a number injured in the bombardment of that port by German cruisers this morning.

The bombardment of Hartlepool lasted for twenty-five minutes. The several vessels which took part in the operation are estimated from two to six, but never were they clearly visible from shore.

The forts on the river replied to the fire of the German vessels. Pieces of shells have been found all over Hartlepool. The damage inflicted on the town is said to be considerable.

One Woman Killed at Scarborough.

The arrival of the German raiders off of Scarborough took place under cover of a thick veil of fog. Some people declared they saw a German cruiser off Castle Cliff.

The roof of St. Martin's church was struck and one woman is known to have been killed. Another church was damaged and the roofs of several houses were carried away by shells.

A man who has arrived here from Scarborough estimated that the German cruisers fired a total of about fifty shells into Scarborough. He declares he saw only three chimney stacks shattered. He believes, however, that the damage nearer shore will prove to be more serious than this.

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James Harvey Scott, of Scarborough, who arrived here after the bombardment of the seaside resort by the Germans, said: "I could not believe it was a real attack; I thought the battleships were practicing. Then I saw a shell fall on the roof of a house, which caught fire and there was a cloud of smoke."

"I also noticed that the Raimford hotel, right in the centre of the town, was struck. As I walked to the station shells were bursting overhead and at the station shells fell into the yard. A porter there picked up a fragment."

"A man, accompanied by his wife and children, came running into the station saying that the roof of their house had been damaged by shells."

Another eyewitness from Scarborough said that a large amount of debris was scattered about the square near the railway station by the shell fire. Roofs of houses were torn away, windows were broken and holes were bored entirely through small houses. The huge chimney at the brick-works was knocked down.

Several shells were fired at the wireless station, with what result is unknown.

Scarborough, Eng., Dec. 16.—When the German shells began falling into Scarborough shortly before 8 o'clock this morning the people rushed out of their homes in a state of greatest excitement.

The crowds ran hurriedly to the railroad station and all that could board the train that was just leaving for Hull.

Several buildings in Scarborough have been damaged by the fire from the German warships.

All the people were greatly excited. They rushed from their homes at the first sound of firing and women and

WESTEND MARK FOR BRITISH FLEET GUNS

Belgian Army Now Occupies Farms on Left Bank of the Yser

Paris, Dec. 16.—The French war office to-day gave out the following statement: "In Belgium the town of Westend, to the northeast of Lombaerdeyde, has been violently bombarded by the British fleet."

"The Belgian army has repulsed a counter attack on St. Georges, and occupied the farms on the left bank of the Yser."

"Our troops who already had gained ground in the direction of Klein Zillebeke also made progress, but not so perceptibly, in the region of St. Eloi."

"In the region of Arras, in the region of the Aisne and in Champagne, there have been artillery engagements in the course of which we gained distinct advantages at various points."

"In the Argonne there is nothing to report."

"In the Woerthe district we have repulsed several German attacks in the forest of Mortmarne, and we have retained all the trenches occupied by us on the 13th of December."

"In Alsace we have repulsed an attack to the west of Cernay."

"Serbia.—King Peter, accompanied by the crown prince, entered Belgrade at the head of his troops on Tuesday, December 15, at 11 o'clock in the morning. Between the Drina and the Save there are in Serbia no more Austrians. The number of prisoners that the Austro-Hungarians have left in the hands of the Serbians since the beginning of the war is placed at 60,000."

EMPEROR NICHOLAS VISITED CAUCASUS TO INSPECT ARMY

Kars, Trans-Caucasus, Russia, Dec. 16.—Emperor Nicholas reached here December 13 from Petrograd. He was welcomed to the railroad station by the military authorities and received with enthusiasm by the people. He drove through the city and visited the local hospital, where he distributed medals to the wounded. Later he looked over the fortifications of Kars and thanked the local commander for the excellent condition in which the fortresses were being maintained.

The following day Emperor Nicholas went to Sarakamich, which is the head of the railroad leading to the positions occupied by a large proportion of the Russian troops in the Caucasus. Along the line are concentrated large numbers of reserves and supplies of munitions of war and food.

The emperor in an automobile then proceeded to an army post at the front. Here was assembled a group of soldiers who had won distinction in fighting in the Caucasus. To these men his majesty personally distributed decorations of the Cross of St. George and thanked them sincerely for the noble services they were rendering the country.

The evening of December 14 his majesty left Sarakamich on his return.

GREAT CRATERS IN STREETS.

London, Dec. 16.—The Star prints a dispatch from Hartlepool saying that some of the German shells exploded in the streets of Hartlepool and made great craters.

SCARBOROUGH WHITBY HARTLEPOOL SHELLED ENEMY IS BEATEN OFF

Four Cruisers Engaged in Sudden Raid; Two Are Reported to Have Been Sunk

Scarborough, Eng., Dec. 16.—Four German cruisers bombarded the town of Scarborough this morning shortly before 8 o'clock. Several buildings were damaged.

Whitby, York, Eng., Dec. 16.—Two German cruisers bombarded this town between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning.

Hartlepool, Eng., Dec. 16.—The residents of Hartlepool were awakened this morning by heavy gun firing. A great crowd at once assembled on the beach to learn whence the sound came. Shells from German ships soon began dropping into the city, whereupon the crowd rapidly sought shelter.

London, Dec. 16.—Reports are current in London that two German cruisers have been sunk in the North Sea.

People Fled in Panic From Their Homes.

London, Dec. 16.—A German fleet made a sudden dash into the North Sea to-day, shelled Scarborough and Hartlepool, English coast towns on the North Sea, and engaged certain units of the British fleet.

Four German cruisers appeared off Scarborough at an early hour and began to bombard the town. It is apparent that they had no difficulty in dropping shells into the city. Panic seized the people and many of them fled from their homes. The residents of Hartlepool were aroused from their sleep by the sound of heavy gun firing. They flocked to the streets and then made their way to the beach to learn what was going on. In a few moments shells from German cruisers began dropping into Hartlepool, whereupon the crowd along the shore broke for shelter.

Greatest Excitement Shown in London.

Panic also showed itself at this point. Fear took possession of the people and many of them abandoned their homes and fled inland.

The news of this naval raid was announced by the British admiralty shortly before 11.30 o'clock this morning, and it threw London into the greatest state of excitement that has prevailed since the outbreak of the war.

The preliminary announcement of the admiralty made no mention of the damage to Scarborough, a fashionable resort on the North Sea thirty-seven miles northeast of York and a little over 200 miles from London, or to Hartlepool, an important shipping centre about forty miles northwest of Scarborough.

British flotillas have been engaged with the enemy at several points, however, and at noon the situation was described by the admiralty as developing.

It could not be ascertained at first whether the German attack was designed merely to spread panic among the British people or whether its purpose was to engage the British fleet in an attempt to land troops on the British coast.

Neither Scarborough nor Hartlepool are fortified. Scarborough has a population of 40,000 people, and during the summer months the seaside hotels are crowded. At this time of the year, however, the hotels are comparatively deserted. Hartlepool, together with West Hartlepool, has a population of about 90,000.

Great excitement prevailed in Lloyd's underwriting room when the announcement of the German naval raid was posted on the bulletin boards. The members crowded around and eagerly read the notice. Insurance rates, so far as the North sea is concerned, have been practically suspended pending the receipt of definite news of the results of the engagement.

At the Baltic exchange the news was read most eagerly by the members and was the chief topic of conversation all through the afternoon.

Hull, Eng., Dec. 16.—It is reported here that word has been received that an attack by the Germans was contemplated and that consequently the authorities were in readiness to meet it. The coast defences had been thoroughly prepared and all the units of infantry and artillery were at their stations and in the trenches.

Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon, no reliable estimates of casualties were available.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

London, Dec. 16.—The official press bureau this afternoon made the following announcement with regard to the German attack on the north coast of England: "The fortress commander at West Hartlepool reports that German war vessels engaged that fortress between 8 o'clock and 9 o'clock this morning. The enemy was driven off."

"A small German war vessel also opened fire on Scarborough and Whitby."

"German movements of some importance are taking place this morning in the North Sea. The situation is developing."

KING AND PRINCE OF SERBIA IN BELGRADE AT HEAD OF TROOPS

London, Dec. 16.—King Peter and Crown Prince Alexander, and Prince George have entered Belgrade at the head of the victorious Serbian army, according to a dispatch received by Reuters to-day from Nish. Not a single Austrian, a statement by the Serbian general staff says, remains on Serbian soil.

Amsterdam, Dec. 16, via London.—A dispatch from Constantinople to the Telegraph says that the tribes in Northern Albania have declared war on Serbia.

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MAY HEAR ROOSEVELT ON NATIONAL DEFENCE

Washington, Dec. 15.—Col. Roosevelt, who is expected to be a possible witness before the House naval committee in its discussion of the preparedness of national defenses. At today's session, Rep. Hobson, pressed chairman

Padgett to call the former president, and after some discussion the question was left to be decided in an executive session of the committee.

VALUE OF U. S. FARM CROPS.

Washington, Dec. 15.—This year's principal farm crops are worth \$1,945,852,069, the department of agriculture announced today.

LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

RUSSIANS TAKE GUNS AND MANY PRISONERS

Formidable Fortifications Are Erected in Fields and Forests Stopped Germans

Petrograd, Dec. 16.—The Russian official report referring to the retreat of the Germans after night attacks says: German attacks were answered by Russian counter attacks, in which it is said that several hundred prisoners and one field battery were captured by the Russians. During the last three days of fighting eight machine guns, two batteries of field guns and 4,000 prisoners have been taken.

Except for the night attacks of the Germans there has been little heavy fighting in Poland during the last twenty-four hours. Movements were confined principally to countless manoeuvres, demonstrations and attempts at flanking operations by small bodies of German troops.

According to the Army Messenger the German attacks along the Prussian front, which were conducted simultaneously with their offensive in Poland, failed on account of formidable fortifications, which the Russians constructed in fields and forests paralleling the German lines.

The correspondent of the Bourge Gazette in Tientsin states that General Sanders Pasha, the German military officer in command of the Turkish troops, on arriving at Erzerum ordered the German engineers to blow up all roads and mountain paths leading from Hassan Kala to Erzerum.

Hassan Kala lies on the direct line of the Russian movement against Erzerum. It is eighteen miles east of that city and twelve miles west of the main Russian positions at Kehri Kel.

The Army Messenger states that the Austrian army in Galicia expects that a division of Turkish troops will be sent to its assistance.

ROUMANIA PREPARING.

Athens, Dec. 14.—The newspaper Nea Hellas says there is reason to believe Roumania will declare war on Austria before the end of December.

BRITISH TOUGHEST OF ENEMIES SAY GERMANS

Soldiers Returning to Berlin No Longer Belittle Fighting of Opponents

Berlin, Nov. 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Evidence of the reaction of German officers and soldiers fighting at the front against the tendency to belittle the fighting qualities of the enemy continue to accumulate.

Soldiers' letters and returning soldiers speak in terms of high appreciation of the military prowess and soldierly qualities of their opponents and among several hundred wounded with whom the correspondent of the Associated Press has talked in his visits to hospitals the last fortnight no one was found who refused to credit the enemy in general, Russian, French and Belgian and British with bravery and military skill.

Distinctions are drawn, it is true, the British being generally reckoned as the toughest opponents on the west front.

The Germans had a high opinion of the fighting qualities of the French soldier before the war began. The fighting which occurred on the march from the Belgian frontier to the Marne and Paris tended to lessen their respect for toughness of French moral fibre, but the last two months have changed that again and soldiers' letters reflect increased respect for them. The recent fighting of the remnant of the Belgian army in Flanders also has greatly raised the German estimate of the Belgian soldier, who, in the general army opinion, had not greatly distinguished himself at Liege, Namur and Antwerp and the intervening field engagements.

As to the British, field post letters continue to bear out the statement from a German expert as to their excellent fighting qualities. One of the latest of these letters, printed in the Cologne Gazette, contains the following striking passage:

"People at home appear to have wrong notions about the fighting qualities of the enemy. The British are the toughest and bravest foe we have to meet. Every individual man keeps on shooting coolly so long as he is not taken prisoner and these trained veterans shoot well. When we storm a position the French will run when we close in with our shouts of 'Hurrah,' but the British stick tenaciously to their entrenchments."

Danzer's Anzeigzeitung, the leading military publication of Austria, pays a high tribute to the Serbian, Belgian and Russian troops. The Serbians are called brave, but declaration is made that they are without food and ammunition. Credit is given the Belgians for standing with Britain and France "when they must have realized that their own cause was irretrievably lost." The press is criticized for its attacks on the Russians, saying they are brave and capable.

LAST CASUALTY LIST

London, Dec. 15.—The following casualties were announced to-night:

Killed—Harris, Second Lieut., Sherwood Foresters; Smalley, Second Lieut., Sherwood Foresters; Waddy, Second Lieut., South Lancashire Regiment; Whelan, Capt. J. P., Royal Irish Rifles.

Wounded—Bagshaw, Second Lieut., First Royal Dragoons; Fuller, Capt. P. R., Leicester Regiment; Guest-Williams, Lieut. W. A., Berkshire Regiment; Hodgson, Capt. M. K., Sherwood Foresters; Jonman, Second Lieut., Welsh Fusiliers; Kelly, Capt. H. H., Royal Engineers; Moulton-Barrett, Capt. A. L., Dorsetshire Regiment; Shuter, Major R. G., D.S.O., Irish Fusiliers; Villaman, Second Lieut., G. W. Manchester Regiment.

Wounded and prisoner of war—Henderson, Capt. I. M., London Scottish.

Wounded and missing—Crawford, Major C. E. L., Gordon Highlanders.

NEW BOMB FLATTENS THINGS WHEN EXPLODED

Produces Extreme Cold and Moves Objects, Like Ripples on Water.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The new air bomb of the French air service is now in use. "I have used both the dynamite bomb and the new bomb," said an aviator. "The two are very similar in size and weight, but the effect as seen from above is very different. When the dynamite bomb falls objects that it hits are blown into the air. It is like a small volcano in action."

"When the new bomb bursts it lays everything out flat within the area of its explosion. It seems to exert the whole of its force in waves like the ripples when a large stone is thrown into a pool."

"Extreme cold is produced at the moment of explosion, so intense that I felt it myself when I dropped my first bomb at a height of about 800 feet. Death from these bombs comes instantly from intense cold and concussion."

PORT ARTHUR FIRMS GET ARMY CONTRACTS

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 15.—The Western Drydock and Shipbuilding company has received an order for shells and munitions of war from the British government to the amount of \$100,000. The company has for some time been working to get orders for the construction of submarines.

The Port Arthur wagon works is almost continuously making transport wagons for the army.

SECOND CONTINGENT ONE ARMY DIVISION

Three Brigades of Infantry Comprising 22,000 Men to Be Sent Home

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—An official statement given out by the government this evening summarizes what is being done in connection with the training of the second Canadian expeditionary force and the recruiting and training of further forces for active service.

In regard to the second expeditionary force, which will comprise one army division of 22,000 men, it is pointed out that the division includes three infantry brigades, to be called the 4th, 5th and 6th infantry brigades.

With the first contingent are the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and part of the 4th brigade of the second contingent; the latter comprising the men taken over in excess of the requirements of one army division.

The 5th brigade consists of the 21st, 22nd (French Canadian), 24th and 26th battalions, which are mobilizing at Kingston, St. John, Quebec, Montreal and St. John, N. B.

The 6th brigade consists of the 19th, 19th, 27th and 28th battalions, which are mobilizing respectively at London, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. In addition to these three infantry brigades of the second contingent, there are two companies of cyclists, each of three platoons, drawn from Toronto, Montreal, Kingston, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Halifax; three brigades of field artillery and a division ammunition column. There are no cavalry corps with the second contingent.

Of the three field artillery brigades, one is mobilizing at Toronto and London, one at Kingston, Montreal and Fredericton, and a third at Halifax. Engineer and signal companies are being organized at Kingston and Ottawa, army service corps at St. John, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, and three field ambulances at Toronto, Montreal and in the west.

In addition to these units of the second contingent, thirteen regiments of mounted rifles, seven battalions of extra division infantry and nineteen other infantry battalions are being organized for service when required later. Six of the thirteen regiments of mounted infantry have been allotted to districts. The remainder are likely to be grouped as follows:

Seventh and 8th regiments at Toronto; 9th and 10th in Manitoba and Saskatchewan; 11th in British Columbia and 12th and 13th in Alberta.

The seven extra division infantry battalions have been in process of mobilization for some time at Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, Winnipeg, Victoria and Calgary. The nineteen further battalions to be organized without delay will be mobilized as follows:

Seven battalions in Ontario, two in Quebec, one in the Maritime Provinces, four in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, two in British Columbia and three in Alberta.

SOCIALISTS CRITICIZE LIEBKNECHT'S ACTION

Man Who Did Not Vote for War Credit Called Indifferent to Nation's Peril.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The action of the Socialist leader, Carl Liebknecht, in the German Reichstag, December 10, in voting against the new war credit, has brought out many expressions of disapproval in party circles. The executive committee of the Socialist party to-day is considering what measures it shall take in view of this breach of discipline. Dr. Liebknecht was the only member of the reichstag not to vote for the credit.

The executive committee of the Socialist labor unions has adopted a resolution declaring that any man who refuses to vote for the credits necessary for the defence and the independence of the country, gives evidence by this action that he is indifferent whether hostile armies bring war with all its devastation into his own country. No body who is interested in the laboring classes and the country, this resolution declares, can be indifferent to his allegiance to the decision of the party, which is, that in this war, when the existence of the fatherland is at stake, it is heart and soul with the nation.

The military authorities have suppressed for the duration of the war the Staatsbürger Zeitung, of Berlin, an anti-Semite organ which failed to follow the admonition to discontinue all anti-Semitic propaganda.

The municipality of Nordhausen, in Prussian Saxony, has decided to plant an oak tree to be called the Lady Ark, to perpetuate the memory of Carl Hans Lady, the German who was executed in London last November after having been found guilty by courtmartial of espionage.

BELGIAN BANKERS AGREE TO PAY GERMANS' LEVY

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—Telegraphing from Bern, Switzerland, the correspondent of the Havas News agency says the Cologne Gazette has published a statement to the effect that a group of Belgian bankers has agreed to pay in ten instalments the remainder of the first war contribution imposed upon Belgium. The city of Brussels has decided to pay the latest contribution amounting to 45,000,000 francs for the maintenance of the enemy's troops by additional taxes to be levied until June 15, 1916.

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THREE RULERS ARE TO MEET IN CONFERENCE

Sweden, Denmark and Norway to Protect Themselves Against International Law Violations.

Christiania, Dec. 15.—The meeting of the three kings, Haakon of Norway, Gustav of Sweden and Christian of Denmark, at Malmö, Sweden, December 17, on the initiative of King Gustav will be the first conference of these three Scandinavian monarchs to discuss state affairs since the dissolution of the dual monarchy between Norway and Sweden in 1905.

The papers of the kingdoms are expressing the greatest satisfaction at this evidence that the strained relations between the royal families of Norway and Sweden have come to an end with this holding out of the olive branch by King Gustav. The political object of this meeting is to demonstrate that Scandinavia represents a military and economic entity ready to resist outside pressure to take sides with any belligerent, and able to defend its neutrality and resist violations of international law. These, the Scandinavian governments allege, are greatly hampering the trade and commercial interests with other nations.

CONSULAR OFFICIAL GAVE FUNDS FOR CARGO

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Agents of the department of justice working here, informed the attorney-general yesterday that the German acting consul general, Baron E. H. von Schack, supplied the funds with which a cargo of groceries, clothing and ship chandler's supplies were bought for shipment to Valparaiso aboard the American steamer Olsen & Mahony. Clearance for the vessel was refused and the cargo unloaded.

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FRANCE TO PROVIDE SUM TO RELIEVE SUFFERING

Paris, Dec. 15.—The cabinet has decided to ask parliament to appropriate 200,000,000 francs (\$300,000,000) for the relief of the sufferings of the population in the departments of France recently evacuated by the Germans.

TRACKLAYING SOON ON PORT ANGELES RAILWAY

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 15.—Work of grading the right-of-way for the Port Angeles, Lake Crescent & Seattle railroad, a subsidiary of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound, to a connection with the Port Townsend & Puget Sound railroad at Port Discovery Bay, has been practically completed and is ready for tracklaying. The exception of a small strip across the extreme head of Port Discovery Bay, which will require blasting, thirty miles of track has been laid from Port Angeles eastward, and is in operation, handling freight. The company expects to have trains running from Port Angeles to this place not later than June next, coming from the head of Port Discovery Bay over the Port Townsend & Puget Sound road.

SINKING OF BULWARK APPARENTLY ACCIDENT

London, Dec. 15.—The official press bureau announced to-night that the sinking of the battleship Bulwark apparently was not due to a hostile act. Investigation has disclosed no evidence of treachery on the part of any persons aboard the vessel or of any action by the enemy.

The Bulwark was destroyed by an explosion November 24, while lying off Sheerness. About 300 lives were lost.

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TELLS OF HARDSHIP SUFFERED BY TROOPS

Two Officers and 180 Men Left in One Regiment of 870

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 15.—In a letter to a resident of Saskatoon, an officer in a British regiment, writing from near Ypres, gives account of the hardship being endured by the troops and of the great loss of life being suffered. The letter is as follows:

"The poor old British army has had a stiff time of it lately, far worse, I can assure you, than the papers will give you any idea of, and the Guards have suffered more than most."

"The night I joined the battalion, with three other officers, they were just being relieved from a fortnight's agony—you could hardly call it fighting. They had started that fortnight with about 350 men and over 20 officers. That night there came out of the trenches about 180 men and two officers. They had started a magnificent battalion, full of pluck and dash; they survived, broken in spirit and absolutely disheartened by what they had gone through."

"Since then, six officers, including myself, and 150 men have joined, and now, after ten days more fighting, we have again only three officers and about 145 men. I have come through without a scratch, and now for a week have commanded one of the two companies into which the battalion is divided."

"The brigade, known as the ————, and ourselves, have been out since the beginning, and, being admitted on all sides as good soldiers as any in the army, have had a lot of tough jobs thrown on them, and are now, as I have endeavored to explain, worn out."

"We are, therefore, being sent back out of the firing zone, for a time, to rest and reorganize. In my company out of 120 men in the firing line, only 55 still have their full equipment. Many are deficient of bayonets, and other rifles are jammed and broken. Nearly all the good N. C. O.'s are killed and wounded, and the cohesion which is necessary in fighting is gone."

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POSTAGES INCREASE WITH GREAT BRITAIN

Half Cent More on Packages of 6 Ounces to Pound and Reduction on Heavier Ones.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Arrangements have been completed between the British and Canadian governments for a new postage rate on newspapers, magazines and trade journals to go into effect on January 1. By the application of the new scale there will be an increase of half a cent on the postage charged on packets weighing six ounces to one pound, but there will be a reduction of half a cent on all packages weighing between one pound and four and a half pounds.

The present arrangement, which concludes on December 31, was first made in 1907. Under this arrangement Canada had to pay the entire cost of the sea conveyance from the United Kingdom to Canada. This was considered hardly fair, and the Hon. L. P. Pelletier opened negotiations with British authorities for a new plan which would divide the expense.

The old arrangement expired on July 1, but was left in force for another six months, running out at the end of this month.

DEPRESSED GERMANS RETURNING FROM YSER

Not the Same Haughty Soldiers Who Went to Front Some Time Ago.

Rotterdam, Dec. 15.—Enraptured Austrian and German troops who came from the Yser was a sight very comforting for the people of Brussels owing to the depressed bearing of the men. Their uniforms were soiled and tattered, and they looked worried. The people remembered the former haughty and arrogant look of the same men.

The troops were flowers in their helmets and had written on the car sides "To St. Petersburg" but they could not raise a single cheer among them. The wounded continue to pour into Ghent. The town council is so pressed for money that it has imposed taxes on beer, fuel, petroleum and yeast.

WARSHIPS FOR CANAL TO PROTECT NEUTRALITY

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson and his cabinet decided to-day to send American warships to the canal zone to guard against violations of neutrality there by belligerent ships. Just how many ships and whether destroyers or cruisers or battleships shall be dispatched will be determined after a full report has been received from Col. Goethals, military governor of the canal zone, and Captain Rodman, naval officer at the canal.

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FASHION FOLLOWERS KNOW SCARBOROUGH

Hartlepool Has Population of 25,000 With 65,000 in Western Part

London, Dec. 15.—Scarborough, which is announced as being the German town to-day, is a seaport and fashionable resort of England in the northern part of Yorkshire, on a headland extending into the North Sea. It is 87 miles northeast of the important English city of York. It is a little more than 200 miles from London.

Scarborough has been popularly styled the Queen of Watering Places. The town has a large spa, an interesting aquarium, a museum and a fine drive and promenade pier. The permanent population of the place is more than 40,000 people.

Hartlepool is a seaport and municipal borough of England, in the southeast portion of the county of Durham. It is about forty miles northwest of Scarborough, on a promontory that extends into the North Sea. Its population is about 25,000. Adjoining Hartlepool is West Hartlepool, a city of more than 65,000 inhabitants. The Hartlepool docks, before the war had an active trade with the Baltic ports and with Hamburg, Antwerp and Rotterdam.

The chief industries are shipbuilding, iron foundries and construction of marine engines. The two ports are of an ancient origin, but modern prosperity. Scarborough is finely situated in the form of an amphitheatre on slopes rising from the sea and terminated on the north and the south by abrupt cliffs. The most prominent feature of the resort is a promontory 300 feet high which rises above the harbor on the north side and which is surmounted by the ruins of a Twelfth Century castle.

This promontory divided North Scarborough Bay from the south bay. The north cliffs begin near it. The north bay is embellished with gardens and along its shore is the marine drive; two miles long and protected by a seawall. The fashionable part of Scarborough is in the southern half of the city and is separated from the old town by the park. On the southern side are the sea gardens and the mineral springs. At the back of the south cliff rises Oliver's mountain, 600 feet high, affording a good view of the port and the seawall.

SOLDIERS FROM FRONT ALLOWED TO GO HOME

Leave Given Some Men in Trenches to Spend Short Time in England.

Aldershot, Eng., Dec. 15.—As the result of recent orders given by Sir John French, the families of regular troops stationed here have been delightedly surprised by visits from relatives direct from the front. These men are given leave from the trenches and most of them elect to spend the time with their families.

Wives of sergeant-majors, who despaired of seeing their husbands before the end of the war, have been surprised by the receipt of telegrams from seaports informing them of the home-coming. These husbands arrive looking as spry and span as when they marched away to the war, for the men are selected from the regiments which have been moved to the rear of the battle-line to give the soldiers a chance to clean up and receive their uniforms. It is expected that later whole units will be given holidays and the soldier in the trenches, according to one officer just returned from the front, has no rosier anticipation than the prospect of an afternoon at a football game followed by the evening at a music hall.

HOMELESS IN NEW YORK SUFFERING FROM COLD

Duluth, Below Zero—Seventy-Eight Mile Wind Drives People From Virginia Streets.

New York, Dec. 15.—A cold wave, one of the most sudden experienced in New York in many years, sent the mercury down to twenty degrees to-day and forecasts indicated that it might reach zero before night. A strong westerly wind gave an additional sting to the air and drove hundreds of homeless into the public and private shelters last night.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 15.—Government weather predictions are that the intense cold wave in Northern Minnesota of the last 36 hours will be broken to-day, but the thermometer showed from 1 to 14 below zero. At Virginia, Minn., the official thermometer registered 19 degrees below and the wind attained a velocity of 73 miles an hour during the night, driving people from the streets. At Mount Iron the temperature dropped to 18 below and at Eveleth it was 21 below.

It was agreed between two local magnates that each should place £10 beneath the foundation stone of a new municipal building. At the ceremony one of the two worthies produced ten golden sovereigns, which he laid upon the stone. The other picked up the sovereigns and substituted therefor his cheque for £20.

CANADA PRIZE COURT DETAINS SHIP BELLAS

First Tribunal of Kind in Dominion Sat Yesterday at Ottawa

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—For the first time in the history of the dominion of Canada, a prize court, an imperial tribunal exercising jurisdiction in time of war, was convened here yesterday, with Mr. Justice Casella, of the Exchequer court, sitting.

The case was one involving the seizure of the ship Bellas by his majesty's customs officers in the port of Quebec after the declaration of war between Great Britain and the German empire. The ship's papers disclosed that she was a German ship, with a net capacity of 550.67 tons. She was built in 1875, and her home port is Hamburg.

On September 14, E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, issued a writ claiming condemnation of the ship and the goods laden therein as good and lawful prizes, and as droits of the admiralty.

An appearance was entered to the writ by Dr. Orlando Mello de Rego, of Lisbon, Portugal, claiming to be the owner of the Bellas by sale of July 3, 1914.

After evidence had been given by the collector at Quebec, Conrad Bollen, master of the ship, was called in behalf of the Portuguese claimant, and stated that the vessel had been sold thirty days before the outbreak of the war. However, it was brought out that the transfer of the ship had not been effected before seizure, and the president of the court decided that the claim be dismissed, with costs, and that the Bellas and cargo be detained during the duration of the war.

KILLED BY BURGLAR

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—Charles B. Reynolds, a lawyer, was shot and killed early to-day in a revolver battle with a burglar in his home here. The burglar escaped.

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BEACH BOATS BEHIND THEM LATEST THEORY OF GERMAN INVASION

Rotterdam, Dec. 15.—A man who had just come from Berlin says that every army in Germany is convinced that an invasion of England will be attempted and that the cruisers which appeared off Yarmouth were engaged in ascertaining if such a feat was possible.

To the suggestion that the German fleet and transports would be at the mercy of the British, he replied that the popular view was that it was not impossible to devise a scheme which would keep such vessels out of the way. An escort of submarines, the Germans think, could do this. It is stated by the Zepellins which are now engaged in battle practice against airship targets.

The transports, according to the popular theory, would not be unloaded in the ordinary way. They would be beached and men, horses and guns would be tumbled aboard.

The Germans think they will find things easier on the Russian frontier soon, as the best Russian troops, they say, have now been killed, wounded or taken prisoners.

To a question as to why the western army retreated when at the gates of Paris, this man replied that the troops had taken the bit between their teeth, and, much to the emperor's dissatisfaction, had rushed blindly on. This view apparently quite satisfies the people of Berlin.

SHACKLETON STEAMER DEPARTS FROM SYDNEY

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 15.—The steamer Aurora left here to-day having on board a party of men for the Antarctic expedition.

Shackleton which is to make its way to the Ross sea, on the New Zealand side of the Antarctic.

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THE WAR.

It is now fairly certain that the allies in the west are engaged in an offensive in force on both flanks. A dispatch from London intimates that this means a change of plan on the part of Joffre, Kitchener and French, who originally did not intend to launch a big attack until spring. As a matter of fact, nobody, except the leaders themselves, knew what their plans were. Our own view was that things would begin to move this month, and it was based largely upon the announcement of Kitchener that his new army would be ready for business "early next year." This, of course, meant that as far as Britain was concerned her troops would be ready some time in December. Besides, time tables are impossible in this war, unless the allies know what their enemies intend to do. The offensive movement in the west goes into operation almost automatically in consequence of what transpires in the east.

We can understand the situation when we remember that the occurrences in the east, west and in the Balkans are parts of one big operation. When the Russians pursue defensive tactics it follows that the allies shall adopt the offensive and vice versa. It is a see-saw game which keeps the Germans sending troops from one front to the other, according to the exigencies of the moment. Russia and Serbia have been engaged in the same strategy since the war started. Austria has invaded Serbia three times, stripping her forces in northern and eastern Hungary to do it. The Serbians have retired to strong defensive positions, while the Russians have crossed the Carpathians and threatened the Great Plain of Hungary. This compelled Austria to weaken her troops in Serbia to meet the menace of Cossacks and the Serbians advanced and inflicted defeats upon the invaders. Strong Austrian forces have driven the Russian invaders through several of the Carpathian passes, notably Dukla, and have occupied Jaslo, southeast of Tarnow, in Galicia. Simultaneously, the King and Crown Prince of Serbia have marched triumphantly into their capital, and there is not one Austrian soldier on Serbian soil, excepting the sixty thousand prisoners taken by the little Slav state. The Serbian army, reinforced by Russians and possibly French soldiers, will now begin an invasion of Hungary and Bosnia. This will involve the weakening of the armies of the Dual Monarchy elsewhere, on the Rumanian boundary, along the Italian frontier, in western Galicia, or in the Carpathians. Any plan would be dangerous. The stripping of the forces along the frontiers of the two neutral states would be a temptation they could not resist. If the armies in Galicia or Carpathians are weakened the Russians again will surge forward. Thus the Serbian victory, apparently an isolated affair, has a strong bearing upon the trend of the whole war.

The allies have occupied the outskirts of Lombaertzyde, a few miles north of Nieupo, near the Belgian coast. This advance was accompanied by a terrific bombardment of the town of Westend, just east of Lombaertzyde. Northeast of Ypres considerable progress is reported and the left of the Yser canal has been cleared entirely of the Germans. South of Ypres the allies have gained about 550 yards after violent fighting. In this connection it should be explained that Ypres is a wedge driven into the German front, which is strongly entrenched south of it. On the north that front has been pushed back several miles. The southern part is more strongly held, for its capture would straighten the allied line between Ypres and Armentieres and a further forward movement to Courtrai would affect the entire German position in France. French progress in Alsace continues slowly, and as Berlin

chronicles no gains in the Argonne and Woerwe we assume Joffre is holding the positions recently taken by him.

As an offset to her defeat by Serbia Austria claims a succession of victories in West Galicia and the Carpathians, taking "21,000 prisoners" in one battle. The temptation to add another cipher must have been heart-breaking to the Vienna general staff. The truth is that with the exception of those in the Sanok Pass, southwest of Przemyel, the Russians have retired to their main fronts, as their forays into Hungary have had the intended effect of relieving the pressure upon Serbia. The situation in front of Cracow is not clear. The Austrians claim that the Russians are retiring from the line of the Carpathians to Piotrkow in Southern Poland. Russia reports the dispatch of large bodies of German soldiers to the Carpathians to threaten her flank, stripping the Kaiser's line between Cracow and Czenstochawa to do so. This is Germany's most vulnerable spot, but whether Russia can operate against it in force with her flanks threatened on the north and south is problematical. In Northern Poland additional German reinforcements have been brought up between Lowicz and the Vistula and heavy fighting is in progress north of the Bzura, where the Russians and Germans are endeavoring alternately to outflank one another. But the main point is that Germany has been compelled to transfer most of her attention from the west to the east, giving the allies in France and Belgium their present opportunity. Possibly the German raid on the Yorkshire coast is designed to prevent the dispatch of further British troops to the continent to participate in a general offensive.

BOMBARDMENT OF BRITISH TOWNS.

Today for the first time in centuries foreign guns have poured shot and shell on the soil of England. Not since the Dutch ships sailed up the Thames while the Merrie Monarch and his licentious court were luxuriating at Whitehall had an enemy's ships disturbed the peace and security of the towns on the British shore line. The bombardment of West Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough, three points on the Yorkshire coast from 25 to 40 miles apart, by German cruisers under cover of fog, gives Britons a real taste of the rigors of the war in which they are engaged. To the inhabitants it probably came with the surprising force of a bolt from the blue. To the outsider it was not amazing, for it is impossible for any European country to be involved in the most destructive struggle in history without suffering material damage within its own borders.

Since the raid of the German cruisers on the coast of England some weeks ago we have been anticipating such an episode. The strategy behind it from the German standpoint is clear and logical. The British fleet is stationed at certain bases around the British Isles. Contrary to general expectation, it is not lying in its overwhelming strength off the Dogger Bank or the Skager Rack. Submarines have spotted this picture. The German object, therefore, is to cause a wider distribution of the British fleet owing to the necessity of protecting the coast, and to bring about a disposition of the ships which will make them targets for torpedo attacks or thin the line so as to make it vulnerable to a massed assault. They reckon shrewdly enough upon the effect of a bombardment upon public opinion, which they hope will demand of the admiralty a change in tactics.

The Germans will fail in their object. Neither Sir John Fisher nor Earl Kitchener will base his programme upon any other consideration than one of strictly naval and military necessity. This may involve other British coast towns in bombardment, but we should remember that the empire is fighting the second largest naval power in the world, and Great Britain must look forward to receiving some hard knocks. Many French, Russian and Belgian cities have been laid in waste not only by German shells but by the fire of their own armies. The French have bombarded numerous towns in France in which the Germans had established themselves. Likewise, if naval and military exigencies involve the exposure of some portions of the British coast to attack, the ordeal will have to be faced as one of the inevitable conditions of a terrible war.

The Yorkshire coast is about four hundred miles from the German main bases on the North Sea. The German ships engaged were fast cruisers, possibly of the lighter class, for it is scarcely probable that von Tirpitz would risk his first line vessels in such an enterprise. Undoubtedly they will resort to their usual practice of dropping mines overhead to hamper pursuit. Moreover, it is likely their submarines are awaiting the pursuers at some convenient locality, while farther back we must assume that a considerable German squadron is in position. But the incident has not yet been closed; the admiralty report says it is developing. This means that a number of units are dashing to cut off the German retreat, preceded by a fleet of destroyers to deal with sub-

marines. From the Humber, one of the British bases, to Wilhelmshaven the distance is less than three hundred miles. From Dover it is about 200 miles, but inside the line from Heligoland to Borkum the area is heavily mined. Nevertheless, should the fog lift, the British squadrons have a fairly good chance of cornering the depredators. The raiders did not get away without fighting; the admiralty reported engagements between torpedo flotillas and the visitors, but gave no results.

The bombardment of the three Yorkshire towns will add a million recruits to the British army. It will infuriate the people beyond measure. Two of the towns attacked were unfortified, a circumstance which Britons will be slow to forget. Nine civilians have been killed, another important consideration which will be included in the score. So far, with the exception of East Prussia and Alsace, German territory has not suffered under the guns of the enemy. In due course the Germans, so comfortably situated along the Rhine, will receive attention, and we must our guess if they do not pay for this latest manoeuvre in blood and tears. From now onward Kitchener will find it unnecessary to appeal for more recruits.

BANK STATEMENTS.

Notwithstanding the depressed condition of business throughout the country, the annual statements of the chartered banks of Canada, now being issued, indicate that this branch of the nation's business is not suffering to any material extent. The report of the Bank of Montreal, which we published yesterday, was highly favorable. In another part of to-day's issue will be found a synopsis of the annual statement of another old Canadian financial institution, the Bank of Quebec. In common with all other Canadian banks which have reported to date, the business of this institution shows a slight contraction in net profits for its fiscal year ended 31st October, 1914. The net profits amounted to \$296,650 as compared with \$309,399 for the corresponding period of 1913 and \$294,009 in 1912. An examination of the annual statement indicates that there has been a gradual slowing down of business, which of necessity affected the bank. This is shown by minor decreases in current loans, by decreases in call and short loans, in note circulation, deposits and in total assets. Despite this contraction the total assets of the bank now stand at \$20,178,000, as compared with \$21,948,000 a year ago. A feature deserving of note was the care taken to maintain a high proportion of the bank's assets in liquid or quickly available form. Assets of this nature amount to \$7,500,000, or 47 per cent. of the bank's total liabilities to the public.

Events seem to be moving swiftly towards their climax in the great war. From now to the end of the year we may expect to hear of stirring happenings. A new arrival on the scene probably will be welcomed by the allies in a few days. In Roumania, whose army is ready to give the ill-fated dual monarchy a final kick into oblivion. We still cling to our early prediction that this is not going to be a long war. It is costing so much in blood and treasure that the allies will not indulge in siege operations.

The German cruiser which bombarded the three Yorkshire towns remained on the scene for twenty-five minutes and then dashed into the fog. If Britain were invaded by a German army it would take several days to disembark the troops. Further comment is unnecessary.

ALADDIN IN ALASKA.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch. The mineral resources of Alaska are not the only thing that has been exploited to the public injury, according to the annual report of Governor Strong. The waters of the territory also require protection from exploiters, he says, the system of relating taxes for the release of salmon fry by the canning companies "having always been more or less a solemn farce." No one has benefited except the corporations, and the government has been deprived of a substantial amount of taxes. The fisheries, he holds, should be held in trust for the people and not reserved for wholesale exploitation.

The great wealth of the country which awaits the Aladdin-like touch of the settler is set forth anew by the governor. The mineral output for the year was valued at \$20,000,000 and the fisheries output at \$16,000,000. Alaska's exports last year amounted to \$61,000,000 and the territory brought from the United States \$22,000,000 worth. The population is now about 25,000. The great need is a coal supply made possible by the passage of the coal leasing law, and of coke to operate smelters and boom the copper industry.

But aside from the mineral and fishery resources the governor says there are fifty million acres of good agricultural land and millions more suitable for cattle raising and dairying, awaiting the home seeker who will come with the construction of the government railroad and the opening of new roads and trails to now practically inaccessible regions. The health of the white settlers is excellent, but the natives, owing to lack of sanitation and hygienic knowledge, are a prey to tuberculosis. Governor Strong urges the erection of hospitals to instruct the natives, who must otherwise disappear before the diseases of civilization.

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By W. D. Lighthall.

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Britannia stands, in bleeding strong disdain,
And we for whom she bleeds, shall we not help?
Thrills there not in us her undaunted strain?
Yea, Motherland, we haste o'er ocean's tide,
Eager to fight, and perish, by thy side.

The mad werewolf that covets our estate,
And snags his scarlet fangs, shall feel our awe,
Ne'er wert thou more magnificently great,
Than when he deemed thee feeble and alone;
We haste, brave Motherland, in joy and pride,
Burning to fight and perish by thy side.

Let those mark well who think to conquer thee,
They with a might and wealth and new emprise;
Must also count, that grows o'er every sea,
And is not weak, and fast to power doth rise:
We watch, fair Mother, keen o'er every tide,
Aflame to win or perish by thy side.

We shall not perish; neither yet shalt thou,
Unshakable is the song of truth.
Freedom falls not, its star is on thy brow,
And we bring thee the deathless gift of youth.

Yea, Motherland, we haste o'er ocean's tide,
In love to fight and perish at thy side.

Brave Trinne Mother, whence we drew our blood,
Our liberty and every good we share,
Whose deeds our parents tell us, Take the flood
Of our hearts throbbing in thine hour of care.

Dear Motherland, we come, we rise like ocean's tide,
For freedom's cause of old to combat at thy side.

Montreal, Dec. 5, 1914.

THE "CRIME" OF THE BELGIANS.

New York Herald. "It is Belgium's own doing that has placed her in her present plight," says Dr. Dehnborg, whose views are quoted in to-day's Herald, in attempting a defense against the world's indictment of Germany for the murder, rapine and devastation wrought in Belgium. Because Belgium was an "outpost" to believe that the solemn guaranty of her neutrality was not a mere "scrap of paper" and had the temerity to defend her independence as best she could, the whole strength of the mighty German empire has been hurled upon her for her destruction. With the rapacity of the Hun, the same might German empire is now engaged in wringing the last franc of tribute from Belgian cities, while it is left in the rest of the world to keep the Belgian people from starvation.

Germany's advocates in this country have had little to say about Belgium. When there has been anything in the nature of defense this has dwelt upon the "crime" of Belgian civilians in attempting to defend their hearths and their homes—a "crime" that deserved the ruthless punishment meted out by the conqueror.

What a difference the point of view does make! To Vorwarts, the organ of Social Democracy at Berlin, the world is indebted for the revelation that German law expressly requires German civilians to attack and harass an invader by every form of night and secret attack.

WHO OWNS THE COUNTRY?

From the Hamilton Herald. "The Ottawa Citizen, which goes into hysterics at the very thought of conscription, insists that conscription would be unnecessary in a country where there are equitable social conditions." "The people would volunteer," it says, "if they actually owned the country." Unfortunately for the Citizen's theory, the fact is that it is the British people who "own the country" who are not volunteering as they should—that is, the well-to-do middle class. We have the testimony of Sir Robertson Nicoll, the most eminent of British nonconformists, that, while the aristocracy and the lower classes are doing their duty nobly in the matter of voluntary enlistment, the middle class is painfully apathetic.

PRESENTLY.

Cleveland Leader. Presently the time may be ripe across the water for one of those "take it back days" occasionally observed over here.

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Coat Shape Sweater with Sash, complete, \$6.50
Caps to match, each, 75c
Silk Sweaters in very smart shades, at \$5.75, \$7.50 and \$8.75
Silk Sweater with Sash. Special value at \$10.75
All-Wool Sweater, heavy Shaker knit, with shawl collar in grey, dark slate and white. Very special at \$4.75
All-Wool Sweater, good heavy quality, fine knit, with shawl collar. Special at \$2.75
Woolen Sweaters, in popular shades; good serviceable quality. Each \$2.50
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A beautiful quality Silk Brocade Velvet suitable for evening wraps and trimmings. The colors are very choice and include saxe blue, pale blue, cardinal, pink, rose, reseda, grey and black and white combination. A quality usually sold at \$13.75. For this week only at, per yard \$2.75
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A Special Three Days Sale of Novelties in the Drug Dept. at Half-Price

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

The following novelties displayed in the Drug Department will be offered at exactly half price on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week only. These goods are very handsome and all are put up in neat presentation cases. Ideal for Christmas gifts. The lot includes Manicure Sets, Fitted Toilet Cases, Shaving Sets, Sewing Sets and Jewel Cases. Your choice from any set at exactly one-half the regular. Original price tickets left on each case, so that you can judge the savings to be effected for yourself. See samples in View street windows. Thursday, Friday and Saturday only at exactly HALF-PRICE.
—Drug Dept.—Main Floor

All Our Children's Winter Coats Formerly Priced From \$4.50 to \$9.50 Grouped Into Two Prices For Quick Selling \$2.50 and \$4.50

Every Child's Coat that was previously marked to sell from \$4.50 to \$9.50 has been included in this special offering. Judging by the big reductions—varying from one-third to one-half—and the fact that the Coats are all in the season's smartest materials and styles, very quick selling should result.

There are Coats in chinchillas, blanket cloths, corduroy velvets, serges, fancy tweeds and other novelty fabrics, in a good variety of plain also combination shades. The styles are very smart and there's a big variety to choose from. All sizes from 2 to 14 years. A Coat here to suit every type of girl. Parents who wish to give their girls a real practical and serviceable gift for Christmas cannot do better than give them one of these Coats.

—First Floor

Gift Suggestions in Ready-to-Wear for Kiddies and Boys

The little fellows must not be overlooked this Christmas, and we are quite sure that there are many who will be delighted with some of the articles we suggest here. This being a season when gifts of a useful and practical nature are being given, Ready-to-wear garments, as the following, will be most acceptable:

Buster Suits, in silk corduroy, fancy tweeds and worsteds; very smartly trimmed; sizes 2 to 6 years. At all prices from \$4.00 to \$7.50
Fancy Hats, for both kiddies and boys. These can be had in a variety of shapes and styles and in all colors, and splendid checks and tweed effects. Special values at 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Overcoats, in refer, single and double-breasted styles and a large variety of serviceable colors and shades. All prices and sizes up from \$3.75
Gloves, in Scotch wool knitted, all colors and sizes up from 25c, 35c and 50c
Mocha Gloves, wool lined, all sizes. Per pair 65c
Stockings, good quality cashmere, also Buster Brown. Per pair 25c
—Main Floor

Gift Suggestions in Ready-to-Wear for Infants and Children

A window on View Street is being devoted to Christmas Gift Suggestions for infants and children. We are quite sure that one glance only is sufficient to convince you that there are many little inexpensive garments that every child needs and will make very suitable gifts to give. We print a partial list here, but a visit to the department will be the wise course to enable you to examine the qualities:

Woolen Coats from 60c to \$1.35
Infants' Dresses, made of dainty embroidery and trimmed with lace and colored ribbons. Prices \$1.50 and \$1.75
Pinafores of fine lawn, trimmed with embroidery and lace faces. Special at 75c
Bearskin Rugs, for buggy or crib. \$1.75 to \$3.50
Infants' Shawls, in a splendid variety, priced from \$1.50 to \$2.50
Bearskin Coats, in warm, cozy styles, from \$1.75 to \$3.50
Padded Kimonos, for infants, in pale blue and pink silk, with cord ties. Special at \$1.00
Padded Quilts, for crib or buggy, various colors, in silk. Special, each \$1.00
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Your Choice From the Best Makes in Ladies' Gloves

Trefousse, Perrin's, and Dent's have a world-wide reputation as being the best makers of Ladies' Kid Gloves. Such makes as these are our best sellers, and if you decide to give a lady friend gloves, be sure and ask for either of these makes. The makers guarantee every pair, and our personal guarantee goes with it. Your friend will certainly appreciate a pair. If you don't know the proper size, send a Spencer Glove Scrip. She can then call and choose for herself.

Perrin's Marchioness Glove Kid Gloves, in colors slate, tan, brown, navy, green, white and black; two-clasp. Special, pair \$1.00
Dent's Dogskin Gloves, heavy weight quality, tan only; one-clasp. Special, pair \$1.00
Ladies' Dogskin Gloves, English make, extra quality, in tan only; one-clasp. Pair \$1.25
Children's Dogskin Gloves, in sizes 000 to 1. Per pair 75c
Sizes 2 to 6. Per pair \$1.00
Trefousse Dorothy Glove Kid Gloves, in tan, brown, navy, green, white, slate, beaver, white and black. Self, white and black points; two-clasp. Per pair \$1.50

Trefousse Dorothy Suede Gloves, plume sewn; in grey, tan, brown and black; two-clasp. Per pair \$1.50
Ladies' Mocha Gloves, fleece lined; two-clasp; brown only. Per pair \$1.25
Ladies' Glove Gloves, fleece lined, in tan and brown; two-clasp. Per pair \$1.25
Ladies' Mocha Gloves, fleece lined, fur wrist; two-clasp; in brown only. Per pair \$1.25
Ladies' Glove Gloves, fleece lined, two-clasp; tan and brown. Per pair \$1.50
Ladies' Mocha Gloves, fleece lined, fur wrist; two-clasp. Per pair \$1.75
—Main Floor

Spats for Ladies—Most Fashionable

Spats are most fashionable this Winter, and ladies appreciate the extra warmth they give to the ankles and legs. We have a splendid selection at the following prices:
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Any ALIEN of enemy nationality who fails to comply with the above, before the 21st day of December next will be liable to arrest as a Prisoner of War.

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DELHI HOTEL LICENSE.

Vancouver Brewing Company Desires to Have Receiver Appointed That He May Get a Transfer.

The matter of the Delhi hotel license came before Mr. Justice Morrison incidentally in chambers this morning, but his lordship declined to consider it in any form, it being a matter with which the court had nothing to do.

The application before the court was one for the appointment of a receiver, and was made by E. C. Mayers, acting for the Vancouver Brewing company, by special leave. The company holds a debenture mortgage on the contents of the hotel, while the B. C. Land & Investment agency owns the building. Mr. Mayers stated that his clients were desirous to have a receiver appointed, so that he could have a temporary transfer of the license.

F. A. McDermid, for A. W. Ottinson, was granted an enlargement of the matter until to-morrow in order that he may file affidavits. He took exception to some of the statements of counsel for the applicants and was given time to answer them.

Jail For Theft.—Yesterday afternoon George L. Dykeman, former treasurer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners in this city, was convicted on two charges of theft of the brotherhood funds amounting to \$15 and was sentenced to two months on each count, the sentences to run concurrently. He has been committed for trial for the alleged embezzling of larger amounts.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

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Skates, properly hollow-ground, 25c at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant Street.

Mugs for the Kiddies, 10c to 50c at R. A. Brown & Co's, 1302 Douglas Street.

Taxi Service.—For the best and most up-to-date in the city. C. & C. Taxicabs. Phone 185.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.

White Sewing Machine Store, 1221 Douglas.

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We May Have Colder Weather Yet! Don't overlook our special values in overcoats at \$13.50 and \$15.00. Frost & Frost, Westholme Block.

Oh! That Boy.—Get him a pair of skates, a pocket knife or a few tools; he will be delighted. Get them from us and so will we. R. A. Brown & Co, 1302 Douglas Street.

"This War Has Shown the Thinking Canadian that as long as a man has a farm of his own he cannot lose his job, and his food problem is solved for him. A clerk dependent on the resources of the city in which he lives, when he is thrown out of work feels the ground slipping from under his feet—precisely because it is not his ground." Maude Radford Warren in the Saturday Evening Post.

If you want some ground of your own in close touch with the E. & N. railway in the Nanaimo and Newcastle districts with five years in which to pay for it, write or call on the Vancouver Island Fruit Lands, Ltd., General Agents, Carmichael & Moorhead, Ltd., Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

Souvenirs Free at the new Singer Sewing Machine store, 745 Yates Street.

Special on Palms this week only. \$1.00 each. Brown Bros., 618 View street.

There is No Reason why you should not try a 25c Club Breakfast or Merchants' Lunch at the Blanshard Inn, next Public Library.

The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St.

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Dry Fir Cordwood, cut to 12 inches, \$6-per cord; \$2.50 per 1/4 cord delivered. Phone 2545.

Bank Clearings.—The bank clearings in Victoria for the week ending yesterday were \$1,512,762.

Rotary Club Luncheon.—The fifty-fifth luncheon of the Rotary club will be held in the Westholme grill to-morrow at 1 o'clock. James H. Rice, manager of Pantages theatre, will entertain the members with a talk, and lantern slides of the Houston convention will be shown.

Interfered With Pound-keeper.—In the Saanich police court yesterday afternoon, Jugur Singh was fined \$15 for interfering with the pound-keeper of the municipality while the latter was in the performance of his duty. Part of the evidence showed that after taking a cow away from the official, the Hindu threw a pick at him.

Shooting Contest.—A great shooting contest is being staged this afternoon at the Empress hotel when the gardeners and porters will meet in a historic clash at the range. The gardeners will be represented by Messrs. McCormack, Peters, McKenzie and Charlesworth, while the honor of the porters will be upheld by Messrs. Phillips, Martin, Gilbert and Fletcher.

This Week's Sunshine.—The issue of Sunshine, the Rotary club magazine, this week has a short sketch of D. T. Mackinnon, some verse on sunshine by a well known publicity man, and a consideration of the relation of the club to civic and provincial affairs. At the luncheon to-morrow copies of the experimental issue of Sunshine, made on August 27, will be on sale at twenty-five cents each to members who wish to possess a complete file, and the proceeds will be given to the patriotic fund.

Enjoyable Evening.—The whist drive held under the auspices of the Loyal Order of Moose on Monday evening last was one of the most enjoyable and successful drives held this season, there being about sixty people present. The ladies and gentlemen winning prizes were: First lady, Mrs. Davie; second lady, Miss Lancaster; ladies' consolation, Miss R. Hallett; first gentlemen, A. C. Holmes; second gentlemen, W. J. Reed; consolation, H. M. Sullivan. The party afterwards partook of a much appreciated supper prepared by the members of the order. The tables were set out in the colors of the Moose, red and white.

Bandages for Horses.—In little more than two weeks the Women's Auxiliary to the S. P. C. A., Victoria, has been enabled to make over twelve hundred bandages for wounded horses. These have been forwarded to Toronto by Dominion Express in answer to an appeal sent in by the Toronto Humane society. That the cause was a popular one is indicated by the ready answer which has been given to the Women's Auxiliary, both in time, material and money. The members of the auxiliary wish to thank this opportunity of publicly thanking all those friends who have helped "light to lighten in some small degree the sufferings of these helpless and innocent victims" of warfare, whose lives are sacrificed in a cause not their own, and of which they have no understanding.

Elected Officers.—The election of the Victoria lodge, No. 758, Independent Order Bnai B'rith, were held at the lodge's headquarters last evening, when the following officers were selected: President, J. Wastock; vice-president, Julius B. Jaffe; treasurer, H. I. Mallick; secretary, Jacob Dobrin; assistant monitor, Henry Burns; inner guard, Joseph Katz; outer guard, Joseph Rose. The outgoing president, Dr. S. M. Hartman, takes the head of the lodge as monitor, that office being due to immediate past presidents. Dr. S. M. Hartman was also elected as delegate to represent the local lodge at Bnai B'rith day at the San Francisco fair, to be held on February 12, 1915. The installation of officers will take place the first Tuesday in January, the grand lodge of district No. 4, to do the installing.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 16, 1889.

A telegram was received by the naval authorities on Saturday last from the admiralty, ordering H.M.S. Swiftsure to sail for home next January, and also stating that she will be relieved by the fine ship Warspite. When the Swiftsure leaves here Vice-Admiral Henegau will go as far south as Coquimb, where he and his staff will take the mail steamer home.

Christmas is drawing near and in a few more days that great holiday of all Christian nations will be a present fact. It has always been customary to do charitable acts at this season, and it is hoped that the one of 1889 will be no exception to the rule here.

Mr. J. Moss, florist, Johnson street, has just received a supply of mistletoe direct from England.

Bishop Lemmens is expected to return to-morrow evening from Montreal. He brings with him information and plans from churches in Quebec to be used in the construction of the new cathedral.

Gift of Oranges.—The Times' staff has to thank Copas & Young for the gift of a box of the luscious Japanese oranges which is one of the firm's specialties.

For the Fund.—The hand-worked leatherth presented by Mrs. J. York for the benefit of the patriotic emergency fund was kindly raffled by Mr. Callaghan on Saturday last and was won by Mrs. Stewart, of Beach drive.

Bank of Vancouver.—The two branches of the Bank of Vancouver in this city are closed, and bear on the doors the following notice: "Bank of Vancouver has suspended payment as from close of business December 14."

Decree Absolute.—In the divorce action of Skilling v. Skilling, the decree nisi granted last June was to-day made absolute by Mr. Justice Morrison, on application of J. A. Aikman, counsel for the petitioner.

Remuneration of Executor.—By an order signed by Mr. Justice Morrison to-day, the remuneration of Hon. D. M. Roberts, K. C., as executor of the estate of the late John Lamberton was fixed at \$800. This figure was agreed upon by the executor, Hon. D. W. J. Moore, acting for the executor, and H. A. Maclean, K. C., acting for the beneficiary, Mrs. King, a daughter of the late Mr. Lamberton.

The Mudlark Case.—Yet another member of the Mudlark crew is in the city jail in the person of James Larsen, the man who is alleged to have been wounded by the mudlarks, who in their turn claim that Larsen wounded John Rhodes by striking him over the head with an iron stove-shaker, and that the assaulter Durand Murray, as A. Maclean, K. C., acting for the beneficiary, Mrs. King, a daughter of the late Mr. Lamberton.

Fusiliers' Band at Camp.—Last Sunday afternoon the band of the 88th Fusiliers under Bandmaster Rowland journeyed out to the Willows camp, where a two-hour programme was played for the soldiers of the various units. The music was highly appreciated by the men, as well as a large crowd of citizens. Next Sunday evening the 88th drum and life band will assist the Fusiliers' band at Pantages theatre.

Violinist at Theatre.—L. Turner, the popular conductor, will contribute some violin selections in the intervals between the features of the five-reel drama which is to be shown this evening at the Royal Victoria theatre. The production to be presented is one of the Famous Players' company, and should delight the spectators. The picture drama continues to be one of the great productions of the Famous Players' company. This company has at last done what the art of moving picture photography needed given the same minute attention to detail and broad regard to artistic results as is demanded by the public of a spoken dramatic production. Already the public here is showing that it appreciates Famous Players' productions. A good comedy and a reel of genuine war pictures complete the show.

Send Christmas Hampers.—The Women's Auxiliary of St. John's church met yesterday afternoon and collected donations for the Christmas hampers being sent to St. Michael's, Rock Bay, to Rev. A. E. Todd, of Tofo, and to the Indian school at Alert Bay. Donations comprised everything from turkeys to cakes, oranges and candles, sufficient being enclosed in each hamper to supply a Christmas dinner for the staff at each of the places mentioned. Gifts were included in some of the hampers for the Christmas tree. The meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. R. H. Walker, was interesting in many respects. Letters of thanks were read from Mr. Barton, secretary of the Columbia Coast mission distribution office, Vancouver, thanking the ladies for the balance of things sent as the result of the donation party held recently; from Courtenay, acknowledging the gift of \$5 sent in aid of the new church there; and from others. As all the members are individually interested in philanthropic work in connection with the coming season, meetings of the auxiliary have been suspended until January.

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EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

Victoria Liberal Association Arranges Series: Extraordinary General Meeting on Friday.

The executive of the Victoria Liberal association has arranged for a series of educational meetings during the winter months. An extraordinary general meeting of the association will be held in the K. of P. hall, North Park street, on Friday, December 18, at 8 p. m. A programme of the series of meetings prepared by a special committee, will be submitted for approval. Arrangements will also be made for the election of officers at the annual meeting to be held early in January.

The special committee has outlined a plan for holding a mock parliament during the winter months, which should be of interest to the younger element. All members of the association and others in sympathy with the work of the Liberal party are urged to attend the meeting on Friday next.

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Had No Rear Light.—For failing to obey the precautionary measure in the motor act, viz., that all motors must carry a lighted lamp at the rear of the vehicle between dusk and dawn, E. B. Rogerson was fined \$5 in the police court this morning.

Employers Added.—Permission was granted to H. C. Hall, counsel for the plaintiff in Henderson v. Mundell, to add the employers of the defendant, John Millen & Co. Ltd., to the action as co-defendants, when he made application in chambers this morning. The plaintiff was riding on a bicycle on the afternoon, the first contingent went away, and was struck by the motor car which the defendant Mundell was driving. In examination for discovery it was stated by the latter that he was driving on business at the time. H. B. Robertson, for the defence, opposed the application on the ground that there was not shown any element of control by the employers even though the man might have been on their business.

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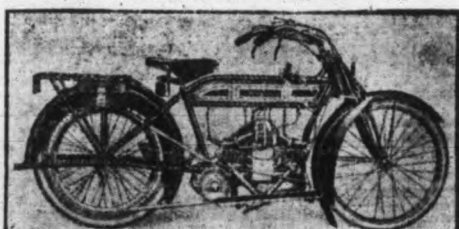
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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J. Rogers is registered at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

W. R. Burnham, of Monroe, is registered at the Empress hotel.

R. H. H. Alexander, of Vancouver, is at the Empress hotel, to-day.

J. T. Owen Boyd is a Toronto resident now at the Empress hotel.

I. Hayden Young is staying at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

R. G. Moore, of Vancouver, is among the guests at the Empress hotel.

W. O. Blair is among the guests at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Russell, of Winnipeg, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Dr. John Brandon, of Ancaster, Ont., is visiting his son, J. S. Brandon, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Barnes are among the new arrivals at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Adamson are in the city from Sidney and are staying at the Empress hotel.

L. C. S. Bolton arrived here from Ottawa yesterday and is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

J. M. Watson arrived in the city yesterday from Belfast and is staying at the Empress hotel.

A. Forbes, of Kamloops, and R. Rutherford, of Cariboo, were amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

W. H. Bartlett, Mrs. George Bartlett and the Misses Bartlett, of Cowichan, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Dr. John Brandon, of Ancaster, Ont., is visiting his son, J. S. Brandon, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Card are Vancouver visitors in the city. They are at the King Edward hotel.

C. Bazett, the well-known merchant of Duncan, is paying a brief visit to the city and is registered at the Dominion hotel.

John Sunderland, James Sunderland, J. S. Barnett, John Cook and J. H. Gray, of Vancouver, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Miss Grace Cotsworth, who has been the guest of Mrs. Collison, Cook street, for the past week, left yesterday for her home in New Westminster.

St. Mark's church, Boleskine road, was the scene of a pretty wedding last Saturday afternoon, when Rev. Mr. Flinton united in marriage Miss Amy Webster and Charles Brooks. The bride was given away by W. F. Mills, and looked well in a becoming travelling costume of grey cloth. The best man was Mr. Gurney. After the ceremony the bride party repaired to the residence of Mrs. Bolton, Boleskine road, where a reception was held, the rooms being very prettily decorated with evergreens and carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks called for a honeymoon trip of the Sound cities.

A number of visitors from the Gulf Islands are staying at the Dominion hotel, amongst them being Mrs. Reid and son, of South Salt Spring Island; Dr. Victor, C. Best and Mrs. Best, of Galiano Island; W. R. Chalmers, of Duncan Island; L. C. Seymour, of Ganges Harbor, and W. H. Lee, of South Salt Spring.

H. Morden, manager of the Fort street branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, is making rapid recovery from the illness which has confined him to St. Joseph's hospital for the last ten days. It is anticipated that he will be able to leave the hospital about the end of this week, and his many friends will wish him a no less rapid restoration to his usual good health and energy.

This morning Rev. J. G. Inkster went up to Duncan, where he will lecture this evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on "The Stranger Within Our Land." Rev. A. F. Munro, pastor of the congregation of St. Andrew's, is an old college friend of Mr. Inkster's. The lecture this evening will have special reference to immigration, and the reception by Canada of those who come to this country from foreign lands.

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AT THE THEATRES

AN ATTRACTIVE BILL.

A splendid two-part dramatic picture, entitled "The Prison Stain," produced by an all-star cast in "Kalem's" magnificent studio, is to be seen at the Majestic theatre to-day and to-morrow. This is one of the finest of photoplays produced and should be placed in the same class as the more pretentious visualizations that are shown at the large theatres in the great centres and charged for at higher prices. "Lord Cecil Plays a Part" is the ninth of the "Beloved Adventurer" series—a series which never fails to draw packed houses and which is well liked by all who have followed up the wonderful adventures of Arthur Johnson in the role of the good Lord Cecil. A number of other selected films complete a bill of extraordinary merit.

ARLISS IN "DISRAELI"

George Arliss, has been long in letting Victoria see his now famous interpretation of Benjamin Disraeli, for his engagements in a few cities have made a comprehensive tour impossible although it is three years since Louis S. Parker's play, "Disraeli," was first presented by Mr. Arliss. Victoria theatre-goers are to have their opportunity of seeing the play at the Royal Victoria theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 17, 18, and 19.

Benjamin Disraeli, one of the greatest of all British statesmen was a man of many eccentricities, a brilliant talker and a lover of dramatic effects, thus making the appeal of a play founded upon his character valuable and attractive to the actor. Mr. Arliss' characterization is said to be a brilliant achievement.

The play "Disraeli" deals with the great statesman's successful endeavor to gain control of the Suez canal for Britain; a work in he meets with the secret opposition of diplomatic spies. The intrigue that arises is absorbing. Incidental to this political plot is a delightful love story, while the glimpse of Disraeli's home life has an attractive appeal. The costumes of the period lend the play unique pictorial qualities.

In Mr. Arliss' all-English company are Erita Lascelles, Margaret Dale, Florence Arliss, Lilla Campbell, Chas. Harbury, Vincent Sternord, Arthur Eldred, Henry Carvill and Dudley Diges.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 16—4 a. m.—The barometer is still abnormally high over this province, and fine, cold weather is general. Zero temperatures continue in Cariboo, and sharp frosts extend to California. Zero temperatures also continue in the prairie provinces and eastward to Ontario, and intense cold prevails down to the southern states.

Forecast.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.17; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 22; wind, 12 miles N.; weather, clear.
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, clear.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.44; temperature, maximum yesterday, 15; minimum, 12; wind, 6 miles E.; weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 4 below; minimum, 6 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 32; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Temperature.

Place	Max.	Min.
Penticton	23	10
Nelson	19	10
Calgary	10	4
Edmonton	18	2
Prince Albert	8	-10
Winnipeg	8	-14
Toronto	19	10
Ottawa	10	8
Montreal	19	10
St. John	24	15
Halifax	28	15

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Tuesday.

Temperature.

Place	High	Low	Average
Victoria	38.9	22.9	30.9
Vancouver	38.9	22.9	30.9

Bright sunshine, 4 hours 18 minutes.
General state of weather, fair.

Patriotic Vaudeville Concert

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Infants' Wool Jackets at 75c to \$2.50.

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Germany's Ambition Is the Dementia of Pride

Paul Margueritte in London Chronicle.

When British hospitality, during the intellectual festivities of last June and July, was bringing us together in a cordial unity of thought, I did not anticipate that a few weeks later, war would unite our soldiers in a like bond of feeling.

To-day this war presses upon Europe as a nightmare of horror and glory. And we follow it with a passionate attention worthy of this terrible thing which seemed to have been almost abolished, and now springs up more gigantic than ever.

Others than I have spoken of the satisfaction they felt in seeing two nations so highly civilized as England and France murdering side by side for the defence of right and the security of the future. Others have followed the phases of the struggle, and praised the heroism with which Frenchmen and Britons are fighting, dying and triumphing. Others may calculate the prospects of the duration of the war and of the enemy's powers of military and economic resistance. But as a historian and novelist, I shall rather speak here of the German mind, and the surprises that it has revealed to us. They have been immense surprises.

The Creed of Might.

Doubtless, a lengthy study of the causes and course of the war of 1870-71, the writing of which occupied my brother and myself for seven years had prepared me for the knowledge of how Germany could concentrate in herself pride and pride, war-like skill and low brutality.

The Enis dispatch, so cleverly falsified by Blumenthal, the cynicism of the statesman who dared to say that "Might is stronger than right," the daring and masterly handling of their armies which closed in upon our imperial troops at Sedan and then at Metz, invaded Paris, fought in the north, on the Loire, and in the east against our improvised recruits; the

rigor of the terms of peace imposed after our defeat, which cost us two provinces and 130,000,000—all this taught me what to expect or fear once more from a formidable and unquenchable enemy. But knowing the brutal face of that earlier Germany I did not, I admit, foresee what a hideous deformity in this year 1914 its bestial maw would assume.

Forty-four years ago Prussia, intoxicated by its victory at Sadowa, aspired to attain the unity which its armies sealed in our blood. But the federal states which she dragged in her train did not display the same haughtiness and cruelty. We had seen frightful excesses—hostages shot, villages in flames, organized theft and pillage—but nothing to warn us of the methodical and deliberate character of the present campaign.

This is exhibited in such a display of barbarism that all observers have away between stupor and disgust at seeing one of the old peoples of old Europe abandoning civilization and falling to the lowest depths of primitive savagery—a semblance of smartness might have deceived us. But to-day—

The Dementia of Victory.

To-day we find ourselves face to face with a people drunk with victory, set upon subduing not France only but Europe; a people whose unbridled ambitions are boldly set forth in the writing of its minister of war, its general, its scientists, its men of letters, and its teachers—a people that the sin of pride has led bodily, their sovereign at their head, into a state of megalomania, combined with the illusion of persecution.

This phenomenon of an entire people struck with dementia is rare, but it is scientifically possible; the fact is now proved, and we can contemplate it in its frightful magnificence. Ernest Renan, writing after the war of 1870 to the theologian Strauss, foretold the

danger that pride put before the conqueror. How accurately he prophesied! Pride alone persuaded Germany that she was henceforth unique, incomparable; the strongest, greatest and most beautiful of nations. Pride alone made her see everywhere envious rivals, gave her that sensation of friendlessness and solitude which ought rather to be attributed to her utter lack of tact, of moral sense, and of scruple, and to her brutal blunders. This same pride obsessed her with the fixed idea that an effort was being made to encircle her and to stifle her, and that she must free herself even at the cost of oppressing the whole world. This pride also persuaded her that, to such an end, all means are good, and particularly force and all the savagery it implies—terror, murder, fire, and devastation. Finally, it is pride which proclaims to Germany that she is giving birth, in sorrow and blood, to a new humanity—a world which will be the precursor of beauty, liberty, and harmony.

Who could fail to recognize in these features, that look so much like caricature, the insanity of this people, which with its hordes revives the fury of the dark ages, and justifies itself with the plea of methods of war from the value of a philosophic ideal? Knevelin in its diplomacy, lying in its press, cowardly and cruel in its armies, without honor or faith in its people, scoring treaties as "scraps of paper," sacking, plundering towns of art treasures and destroying cathedrals, yet daring to call itself the chosen children of a God of violence and victory—Germany has inevitably seen ranged against her the revolted conscience of Britain, the imperilled interests of Russia, and the stoical resistance of France, which was threatened with destruction.

The Final Outcome.

Of the final outcome of this struggle there can be no doubt; Germany will submit to the forcible treatment which she wished to impose upon others. Disarmed, ransomed, relieved of her theatrical and ferocious sovereign, and her infatuated Junkers—deprived of her colonies, despoiled of her military power, with her fortresses dismantled, and her industrial machine—Germany will learn the only lesson that can take her out of her delirium and bring her to a just appreciation of facts: This arrogant and servile people will bow to the necessity which it has made its law and its credo. We shall then have an era of lasting peace; and Europe, relieved of the monster, will breathe again.

For the conscience of the nations even of those which have stood aside this will be a relief. For opinion has shown itself unanimous, even among the neutral of neutrals, in condemning German warfare; a method of making war which is a succession of crimes, a degradation of the human species. One would have liked to see the governments of these countries show some deeper feeling about these crimes and this shame.

But we must not ask too much of men. After all, they are only men. It is much that so many consciences should be in revolt against Germany and her red madness.

MEETINGS

Meet To-morrow.—The Women's Guild of Fowl Bay district will meet to-morrow at the residence of Mrs. Williamson, 257 Mills street.

Companions of Forest.—The Companions of the Forest will hold a social dance to-morrow evening in the A.O.F. hall, Broad street.

Preachers and War.—At the First Presbyterian church next Sunday evening Rev. J. G. Baker will preach on the subject, "Is it right for preachers to go to war?"

Saanich Ratepayers.—Ward 3, Saanich Ratepayers' association, will hold a meeting on Saturday evening at 8 at Gordon Head hall. The selection of a candidate for councillor and one for school trustee will be considered.

Ward Seven, Saanich.—The meeting of Ward 7, Saanich Ratepayers' association, will be held on Friday, December 18, at 8 p. m., at the Gorge Presbyterian hall, and not on Thursday, December 17, as previously arranged.

Children's Entertainment.—On Friday at 8 p. m., the children of Kingston street primary school will give an entertainment in the form of a fairy play, in aid of the Belgian relief fund. The entertainment will take place at South Park school.

Song and Praise Service.—A song and praise service will be held at the Emmanuel Baptist church, under the auspices of the Baptist Young People's union, preceding the usual evening service. A. B. Boyer, secretary of the society will take charge of the meeting. The society will be pleased to meet anyone interested in this work who can help to make it a success. The public is invited to attend. There will be no collection.

Will Hold Socials.—At a meeting of Colquitz residents held last Friday at Colquitz hall, Carey road, it was decided that a series of socials would be held during the ensuing months, different features to distinguish the events. The first social will take place on Friday, December 18, commencing at 8 o'clock, and a committee was appointed to look after the visitors. A concert will commence the proceedings, which will be concluded with a dance.

Social Dance.—An informal general dance is to be held to-morrow evening at the Alexandra hall, under the auspices of Mrs. Simpson. Invitations have already been issued, and all old patrons and pupils will be given a special welcome. Miss Thala's orchestra, which is a guarantee of the excellent quality of the musical part of the programme, will provide the dance accompaniment, and the catering will be in the capable hands of Mr. Campbell. An especially enjoyable dance is looked forward to, and there is little doubt that there will be a big attendance of many who have not over-indulged their love of the popular pastime this season.

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Doilies and Centres, Irish crochet. Prices each, 60¢, 65¢, \$1.50, \$4.00, and.....**\$4.50**

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Fancy Embroidered Cambric Handkerchiefs. Price 20¢, or 3 for.....**50¢**

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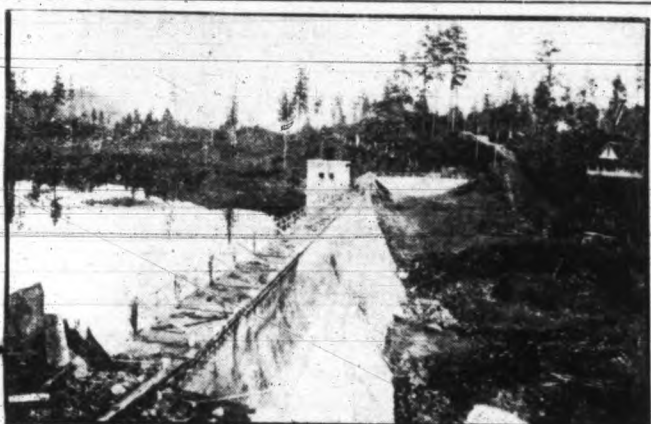
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Such Dainty Neckwear

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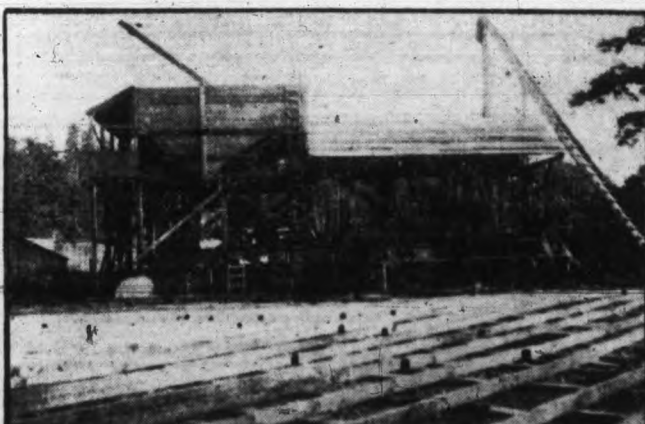
The crest of the dam at Humpback reservoir, shown above, is now being protected by a railing. On the right side of the picture is the house built for the caretaker's residence and now occupied by the engineers. There is a large quantity of water already stored in the reservoir, which will be of service after the pressure pipe line reaches it at the end of next month. This will be the first actual service from Sooke waterworks.

WORKING UNDER SHELTER AT COVE



Two sheds have been erected at Cooper's Cove, parallel to one another, for the maturing of the flow line pipe as it is manufactured. The sheds are covered in at the ends with canvas, which will enable the contractors to work all through the winter. The pipe itself, waiting to be taken to the grade, is shown in the foreground.

CONCRETE MIXER NOW UNDER COVER



The concrete mixer for the flow line pipe, which is operated at Cooper's Cove, the point where the concrete pipe for the waterworks is being manufactured, has now been covered in as a protection for the workmen, and manufacture will continue unchecked throughout the winter months. It is expected that the pouring and maturing of the necessary pipe will occupy some months yet. On the platform shown on the right the concrete is poured into prepared moulds.

DEATH IS PRESUMED

Court Grants Request of Heirs of Late Alexander Cowie in Regard to James Cowie.

An application was made to Mr. Justice Morrison in chambers this morning by Sydney Child asking for presumption of the death of James Cowie, a son of the late Alexander Cowie.

This becomes necessary in order that the property of the late Mr. Cowie may be divided among the other children, heirs to the estate. The registrar is, of course, unable to take for granted that James Cowie is dead, in the absence of proof, unless an order of court is made.

Mr. Child read affidavits from one who had been an intimate personal friend of James Cowie, and from members of the family. It appeared from these that James Cowie assisted his father in the working of the farm, but about May, 1882, they seem to have had some differences of opinion. These resulted in James, who was then a young man of twenty-seven, leaving home for the purpose of making his own way in the world. Since that time no word has ever come from him to any of his relatives or friends, and it has always been believed by them that he long ago died, as otherwise he would have communicated with some one.

His lordship granted an order, presuming death.

DALBEATTLE MAN'S VIEWS.

Lance-Corporal William Crone, of the 1st Gordons, who was injured at La Bassée, is at present recuperating at his native place, Dalbeattle. He informed a press man that "on their march the Gordons had plenty of evidence of the destruction committed by the Germans. Villages were ruthlessly destroyed, the doors and windows of

shops had been smashed and the premises looted and the sight of many empty bottles by the way indicated that the enemy had freely helped themselves to, something which would quench their thirst. A few prisoners who could speak English frankly stated that they were sick of the war and the conditions under which they fought, but were simply goaded on by officers,

who turned on their own men at the sign of faltering. On one day the Gordons found about 150 cut off from the main body in a wood. They could not rejoin them, and the fact that the Germans surrendered at sight showed that they were not at all keen at continuing the struggle. They complained of being badly fed, and many looked famished and worn out."

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Child's Knit Jerseys, a heavy close knit navy jersey, button at shoulder, style for ages two to thirteen years, prices 80¢ to.....**\$1.25**

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Supply of Seasonable Emblem at Relief Headquarters Has Been Exhausted

The entire supply of holly so generously donated to the Belgian relief fund by subscribers to that popular cause, has been exhausted, so much in demand at this season of the year is the favored decoration. The secretary is, consequently, appealing once more to those possessing some of the heavily-bearing holly trees to help the fund by bringing or sending in more of this seasonable emblem, which the public is so ready to purchase at the present time. Quite a creditable sum has been added to the fund by the quantity of berries already sold, but the opportunity to dispose of more in aid of the same worthy cause should not be lost because of a dearth of supply. All varieties of holly will be welcome, although the berries at this season are much more in demand than the other kind.

The raffles are going better, as the festive season draws near. The draw for the Shetland ponies will take place next Saturday evening, and for the motor boat which was given to the fund on Monday night. Tickets may still, however, be purchased for either.

Those who pass Terry's drug store, (the Belgian consulate) will see in the window a copy of the publication, "Poems of Armageddon," the joint work of A. W. M. (Mrs. Winslow), and E. P. F. (Dr. Fewster). The entire profits of the sale of this booklet, of which over 700 copies have been sold in Vancouver, are being devoted to the Belgian relief fund. The price of the edition is twenty-five cents per copy.

The fund has been increased by \$100 through a donation sent by the men of the chief engineer's department, Esquimaux Naval Station, the amount being made up by individual subscriptions. There will be a meeting at 5 p. m. on Thursday of the committee of the Victoria branch of the fund for the discussion of the disposition of the balance of the money collected.

The matter of keeping open the rooms at 742 Fort Street after January 1 will also be considered, as it has been suggested that much of the clothing collected after that time could not reach the Belgians until the early spring.

Yesterday a further consignment of salmon was forwarded to the Belgian relief distribution centre from Vancouver, the shipment consisting of 1,400 cases.

It is interesting to learn through the statement of the local Belgian consul, W. S. Terry, that the sum of \$96,865 has been collected up to the present in Canada in aid of the Belgians. This report has been issued by the honorary treasurer of the central committee,

Montreal, the same statement including a detailed account of the shipments and the estimated value of each up to the present time. The money has been used for the purpose of food and clothing. The central committee at the same time makes an appeal for a further \$100,000 for the purchase of wheat to make a full cargo for the fourth vessel which it is intended to load. The vessels which have already carried full cargoes for the Belgians include the S. S. Calcutta (just landing), S. S. Tremorah, S. S. Dorie. Vessels which have carried consignments other than these include the S. S. Arcadia, S. S. Campanello, S. S. Englishman, S. S. Irishman, S. S. Manchester Corporation, S. S. Hesperian, S. S. Magantic, S. S. Gramplan, S. S. Bursfield.

CANADIAN CLUB HELPS

Donates \$150 Toward Relief Work; Will Buy Food Supplies.

Perhaps because it has held no luncheons for some time, the Canadian club has attracted little notice in a good work it is at present engaged in, but the work is nevertheless most praiseworthy. Despite the fact that the club is not a money-making organization, the executive has already donated \$150 towards relief work in and about the city, and it is not improbable that the amount will be increased as the winter grows colder.

Feeling that the club would be but filling some of its high aims in helping those who are doing what they can in relief, the executive met and took under consideration the matter of the club's contribution. It was decided to give \$150, the sum to be used in purchasing food supplies, as it was held that this was the best form the gift could take. It is probable that flour will be bought and the whole amount placed at the call of central relief committee, which, under the auspices of the city council, is being formed at present.

F. J. Schl, secretary of the club, has received a communication from the department of trade and commerce, Ottawa, stating that the department will be pleased to send copies of its Weekly Bulletin to any members who wish them. If those members who would like to follow the department's weekly reports on trade conditions will let Mr. Schl have their names the copies will reach them regularly.

Omissions make way for commissions. Motorists may now look forward hopefully to a possible reduction in the cost of new tires if the latest discovery as to the manufacture of rubber from seaweed proves capable of practical utilization. A method has been found for manufacturing from seaweed a substance which, it is declared, can be used as an inexpensive substitute for rubber and leather. Tires for motorcars and carriages, it is said, can be very satisfactorily made of the substance, and the manufacture of boots is now being considered. The seaweed material is not only a great deal cheaper than either rubber or leather, but it is also believed to be more lasting and more sanitary.

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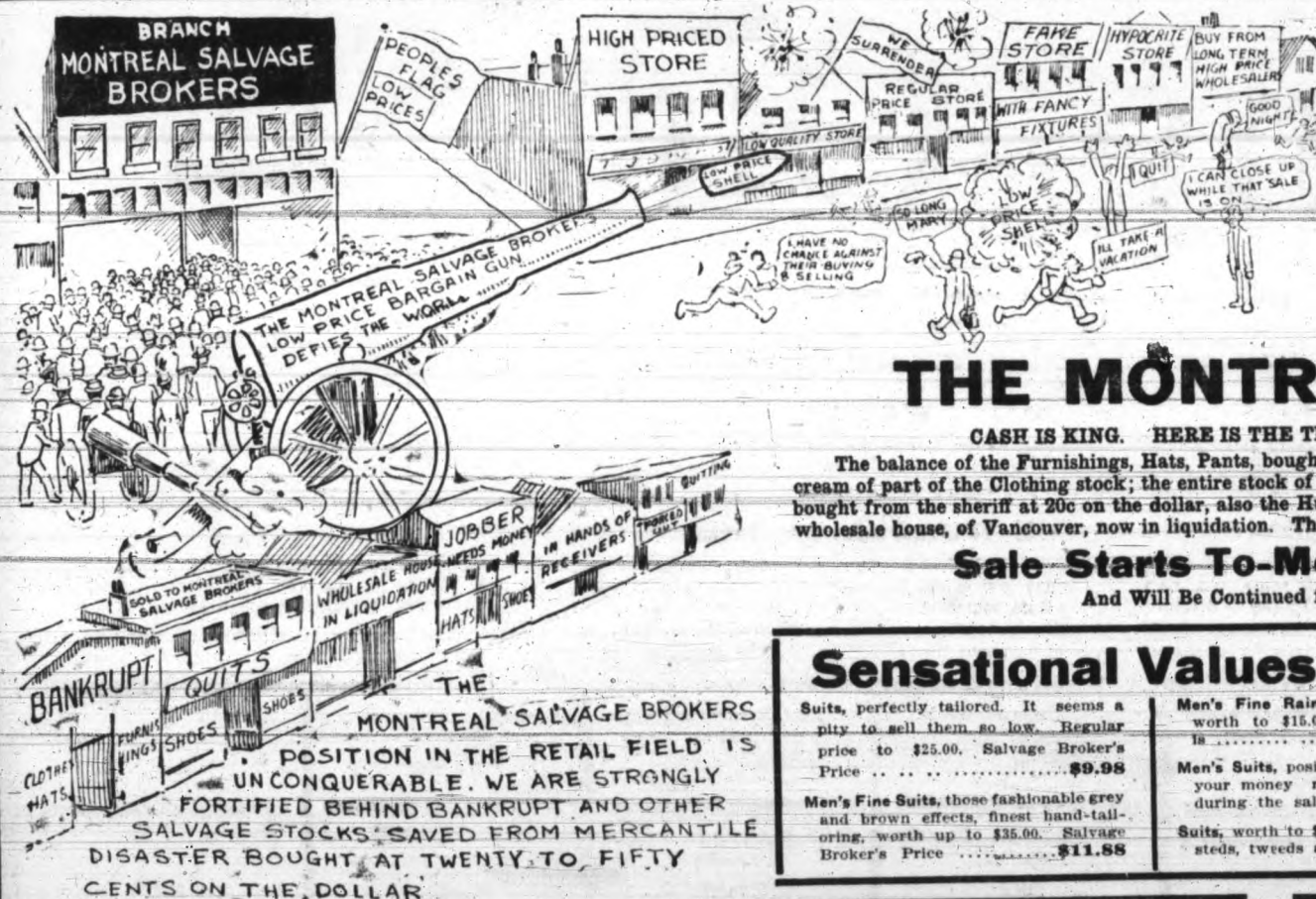
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Old Chum, T. & B. and other makes, now **4¢**
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Made Honorary Member

Loyal as members of the Women's Canadian club are to the various events arranged under the auspices of this organization, seldom in the season has more interest been shown in a club event than in the social arranged yesterday afternoon. The idea was quite unique in the annals of the society; the entrance fee, in the first place, was a re-emphasis of the patriotic character of the work carried on by the organization, a pair of socks being "paid" in lieu of the usual entrance money. Another novelty was the arrangement of the tea-tables, each of which was presided over by some officer or member of the club, every visitor, as a consequence, being given an individual greeting and welcome to the gathering.

The proceedings were almost entirely informal. Mrs. Jenkins, the president, presided over such part of the meeting as required her formal direction, and was hostess at the principal table, which, like all the others in the room, was prettily decorated with pink carnations and asparagus fern. Over the platform a big Union Jack was draped, this forming the background of one of the very pleasing circumstances of the afternoon: the presentation of the club badge and pin to Mrs. Paterson, the retiring honorary-president of the society. Automatically the consort of the lieutenant-governor in each province throughout the Dominion becomes the honorary-president of the branch of the Women's Canadian club in the capital of that province, and since the very beginning Mrs. Paterson has evinced the keenest interest and sympathy with the work of the local organization. The presentation yesterday was more than a formal recognition of her retirement from office, and indicated the deep appreciation of the executive and members alike for the active support and encouragement which she has given by many kindly and generous actions in connection with the work of the society.

This appreciation was all very happily expressed by Mrs. Jenkins, who intimated that the club felt it could not allow so highly-esteemed a member to resign office without some particular mark of its gratitude and esteem. An mistress at Government House Mrs. Paterson had on more than one occasion entertained the members, and none had been unappreciative of the generous hospitality offered.

A basket of crimson carnations and maiden-hair fern, tied with a huge bow

of crimson taffetas, accompanied the badge of honorary membership presented by the president. Mrs. Paterson, to whom the presentation obviously came as a surprise, expressed her gratitude in a few simple words which revealed how touched she was by the unexpected demonstration of appreciation.

The programme which followed was quite informal, and was preceded by the reading of a letter by Mrs. Jenkins from J. A. Cunningham, principal of the Boys' Central school, offering ten dozen pairs of socks which the pupils had purchased for the soldiers. The offer was gratefully accepted, the ladies showing their pleasure by applauding the idea conveyed in the correspondence.

The informal programme arranged by Mrs. Nathaniel Shaw included several selections by Signor Claudio, the gifted violinist, who appeared for the first time before an audience of club members. Among the selections rendered by him were the Russian National Anthem, which was cordially received. Miss Thomas and Mrs. James Williams, one wearing Welsh national costume, the other attired as a Red Cross nurse, sang in duet "God Bless the Prince of Wales," this also appealing to the patriotic sentiments of the audience. Mrs. Jameson gave a charming rendering of "If we could live for love," being accompanied, as the former singers, by Miss Davis.

The tea arrangements were most attractive, the hostesses at the various tables making of the event an occasion more than usually hospitable in its atmosphere, and the most delicious of refreshments being provided by the cakes and sandwiches donated by the individual members.

The sewing done by members during the past months for the soldiers was on view, this department, of which Lady McBride is convener, having collected no less than 140 shirts and 78 belts. The latter were made by the Victoria Nurses' club for the Women's Canadian club. With the socks collected by the door fee yesterday afternoon Mrs. McPhillips, convener of the knitting committee, was able to report the following as the total supply gathered to date by her department: 322 pairs of socks, 5 knitted cholera belts, 16 muffers, and about 100 pairs of wristlets. The knitting and sewing were packed away in cases at the close of the meeting, and will probably be sent away in the course of the next few days.

Among the guests yesterday was Captain Anderson, who has command of the ambulance corps of 78 male nurses and three doctors which is going from Esquimaux almost immediately. With him were his two lieutenants, Mrs. Logie and Cartwright, while Mrs. Anderson was also welcomed by the meeting. The corps is fully equipped for ambulance work at the front, and has been supplied by the Women's Canadian club with wristlets and cholera belts.

Those in charge of the arrangements for the successful club gathering were Mrs. McDermid, Mrs. D. R. Ker and Mrs. Gailher.

TAKES UP NEW DUTIES

A. Montzambert, New Manager of
Bank of Montreal Here, Has Arrived
in City From the East.

To take up his new duties at the managerial desk of the Bank of Montreal here, in succession to the late J. S. C. Fraser, A. Montzambert has arrived in the city from Brantford, Ont. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter, and the family are residing for the present at the Empress hotel. Mr. Montzambert commenced his regular duties to-day.

The new manager stated to the Times this morning that all kinds of business were slack in the east at the present time, and that finances were quiet. There would, of course, be no change in the policy of the bank. In reply to a question, he thought that there would be little money available for new developments for a while, but that everything would go on just as in the past.

SALE WAS SUCCESS.

Event Held by Ladies at Royal Oak
Brought in \$122 for Building Fund.

The sale of work at Royal Oak on Saturday proved most successful. The event was opened at 2 o'clock, but it was a disappointment to those present not to have Mrs. Scriven, who was expected. The fancy stall under Messrs. Jackson, Greig, Butt, Young and Miss R. Butt was well patronized and many useful and dainty things were disposed of. The special feature, the men's stall, presided over by Messrs. Greig and Blair made good returns and the two fine roosters, excited much comment, as did also the splendid donation of bulbs from the Holland Bulb Farm.

The candy stall proved most attractive, with its tasty candies and the fine Christmas cakes were soon disposed of by Miss Murdoch and Mrs. F. Quick, while the children found great enjoyment in the fish pond, at which Mrs. Ireland and Miss Tennant readily disposed of their stock of fish at 10 cents each.

A dainty tea was served at the various refreshment tables which were well patronized by guests. Tea was presided over by Mesdames Carmichael, Hime and Kinnaird and Misses Butt, Tonbridge and Greig. The proceeds of the whole afternoon amounted to \$122.

The Ladies' guild wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all those who so generously took part in giving, selling and buying. The money will be paid over to the building fund.

One of the evils of war is the lowering of the national physique. In the generation after the Franco-German war there was an appreciable decrease in the stature of Frenchmen through the large number of young men of good physique who were killed.

This is the kind of weather that you will appreciate the Steam Heated Rooms, \$2.50 per week at the Blanshard Inn, next Public Library.

Health First

In buying food articles we must consider several things—economy, results, convenience, reliability; but the most important is Health.

Health means everything. If one gets cheated in buying dresses, shoes or bonnets it is provoking, but the harm is chiefly loss of money. In buying food articles, if imitations or poor stuffs are supplied, there is a loss of money and probably an injury to health also; and good health is beyond price.

Remember these facts when buying baking powder.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure No Alum

THE BRITISH LEAD.

In a way it is satisfactory that the most difficult climbing in the Alps is done by Britishers. It is at any rate indicative of the spirit and virility of the race. There is another cause for it, as, curious as it may seem to the uninitiated, the rock climbing in the lake district, in the Scottish Isles, and in the wild district of Glenoe affords opportunity of more difficult rock ascents than as a rule are essayed even among the snowy peaks of the Alps. British climbers perform daring and difficult feats on and around Scawfell, in the neighborhood of Snowdon, and the Glyders, than they usually are called upon to do in Switzerland and elsewhere. They get the very best of training, and that is eked

out by more than one of the climbers known to the writer by attempts to climb to the roofs of their houses via the walls and windows.

The Germans, too, are excellent climbers, and America has had some of her sons and daughters—notably the Workmans, whose feat in the Himalayas have been so wonderful and valuable to science—who have become famous as mountaineers. This is testified by the recent ascent of Mount McKinley. But probably the most noted climber who ever lived was Edward Whymper, who vanquished peak after peak in all parts of the world, setting up record after record, and gaining for Britain not the least of its fame as the native land for accomplished explorers. Neither in mountaineering nor war, nor exploration is

there a more thrilling story of heroism and endurance than that which tells of the first successful ascent of the Matterhorn by Whymper and his party in 1865.

THE SOUTHERNMOST PORT.

Punta Arenas, the southernmost city in the world, at the gateway between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, now has a population—decidedly cosmopolitan—of more than twelve thousand. It is listed as one of the big wool shipping ports, and sends out something like sixteen million pounds a season. It is well lighted by electricity, has waterworks, two theatres, is well supplied with schools, and has quite a number of public buildings.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session by the Corporation of the District of Saanich for an Act to be entitled "Saanich Municipality Act, 1915".

(a) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality in addition to all powers contained in Subsec. 103, of Sec. 24 of the Municipal Act, to pass a By-law charging the owners or occupants of any house, property, tenement, lot or part of lot, or both, in, through, or past which any water main or pipe shall run, a reasonable rent or charge for the use or opportunity of use of the water, whether such owner or occupant shall use the water or not, or is connected or not with the water main or pipe, and for charging the owner or lessee of each vacant property, lot or part of lot, fronting on any street in, through or past which any water main or pipe are to be placed, provided the pipe or main runs in, through or past the said property, lot or part of lot, with a reasonable rent or charge for the use or opportunity of using the water, whether there is any connection or not, and for providing that these powers shall apply to all waterworks heretofore constructed under Local Improvement System and taken over by the Municipality, and to all waterworks heretofore constructed with moneys heretofore voted.

(b) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality when a work is to be or has been done either under the Municipal Act or Local Improvement Act when a frontage rate is incapable or difficult of determination, to charge an equitable proportion of the cost of any such work against any area or areas whether subdivided or not, and whether the same has or has not any frontage on any street; and to assess such charge by a special rate.

(c) To take over, alter and improve any waterworks, mains, pipes or plant heretofore or hereafter constructed, and to assume all liability in connection therewith, and particularly to exercise in connection therewith the rights provided by Subsec. 103 of Sec. 24 of the Municipal Act, and all rights to be granted by the Act to be obtained.

(d) Authorizing the Municipality to borrow any amount for fire protection purposes.

(e) Validating the Marigold and Blackwood Local Improvement By-Laws and additional By-Laws affecting the same to be hereafter passed defining the areas set out in said By-Laws and fixing the assessments and permitting the Municipality to assess and collect the actual costs of the works.

(f) And for such other powers as may be necessary or convenient in connection with the above.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1914.

BARNARD, ROBERTSON, HEISTER-

MAN & TAIT,

Of 30th Floor, B. C. Permanent Loan

Building, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors

for the Corporation of the District of

Saanich.



THE VICTORIA NORMAL SCHOOL

The Department of Education announces that the new Provincial Normal School at Victoria will open on January 4, 1915. Each applicant for admission must give notice to the Principal at least ten days before the commencement of the session. Forms of application can be obtained by addressing The Principal, the Provincial Normal School, the Department of Education, Victoria, B. C.

rupt Selling-Out Sale

Now for a Sale that Will Amaze the whole Mercantile World and Make the Most Skeptical Gasp With Astonishment.

OVER \$98,000 Worth of Clothing, Furnishings, Hats, Shoes, Dry Goods, Toys and Children's Apparel, Tobaccos, Stationery, etc., to Be Sold Within 14 Days at Prices That Will Set the whole District Wild With Excitement.

BUILDING NOW CLOSED

WAIT. WATCH. WAIT.

This mammoth stock is to be arranged and stock re-marked at prices that a dollar will do the work of \$2 to \$5 spent elsewhere. Come, attend the most wonderful of all big sales. The Montreal Salvage Brokers is one of the largest institutions of its kind in the world, buyers and sellers of Bankrupt and Salvage stocks of all kinds saved from mercantile disasters; we buy for spot cash and can handle stocks of any size; we operate numerous stores and warehouses and Auction Sales Rooms from Coast to Coast, known as the world's Greatest Bargain Givers.

THE SENSATION OF THE DAY

THE WONDER OF THE HOUR!

The Greatest Selling-Out Sale by the Montreal Salvage Brokers of over \$98,000 worth of merchandise for men, women and children at 578 YATES STREET. This mammoth stock will be distributed into the homes of the people at less than the actual cost of the raw material. Beginning THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, at 10.30 a.m. The sensational and ridiculously low prices will amaze the most skeptical. Clothing will be sold for the mere cost of the linings and buttons; furnishings at the cost of yardage; Shoes and Hats given away. It will pay you to come 100 miles to attend this great Sale, which is the mightiest ever attempted in the mercantile world. Herald the wonderful news, notify your friends and neighbors, then come with the crowds. Let nothing keep you away if you want to save money. Sale will positively open, rain or shine TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, DEC. 17, at 10.30 a.m., and will continue for 14 days only. Below we quote only a few of the thousands of bargains that await you. Read!

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Umbrellas at 29¢	\$2.00 Men's and Youths' Pants 69¢	\$1.00 Penangle Underwear at 29¢	\$1.50 and \$2.00 Arrow and Other Good Shirts 79¢	\$2.50 Sweater Coats at 69¢	\$3.00 Children's Suits at \$1.19	\$5.00 Suit Cases at \$1.98	50c and 75c Children's Overalls, Romper Suits 29¢
\$3.50 to \$5.00 Sweater Coats \$1.79	\$1.50 Men's and Boys' Hats 29¢	\$15.00 and \$16.00 Suits and Overcoats \$5.98	\$1.00, \$1.25 Night Shirts 49¢	\$1.75 Peabody's Gauntlet Gloves 98¢	\$4.00, \$5.00 Wool Taffeta Dress Shirts \$1.89	35c, 50c Arm Bands, in Fancy Christmas boxes 14¢	\$4.00 Workmen's Shirts \$1.98
50c Ties, in fancy Christmas boxes 17¢	\$3.50, \$4.00 Corduroy Pants \$1.49	\$4.00 Stetson and Borsalino Hats \$1.95	\$1.50, \$2.00 Dress Gloves, Pair 49¢	\$1.00 and \$1.25 Night Shirts 49¢	\$1.00, \$1.50 Dress Gloves, now 49¢	50c Ties, in Fancy Boxes, now 17¢	Shawls, worth to \$3.50, now 98¢

Wonderful Bargains in the Big Furnishing Dept.

Come, get your share of the Good Things.
Men's and Boys' Shirts, regular prices to \$1.00. Salvage Broker's price **19¢**
Men's Underwear, worth to \$1.50. Price **49¢**
Men's Fine Cotton Hose, worth to 25c. Now **4¢**
Men's Handkerchiefs, worth 10c. Now **1¢**

Men's Pants Given Away

Tremendous Assortment to choose from for Work or Dress.
Men's and Youths' Pants, worth up to \$2.50. Now **89¢**
Men's Pants in grey stripes and plain colors, for dress wear. Regular price to \$3.50. Salvage price **\$1.49**
Men's Fine Trousers, worth \$5.00 and \$6.00. Salvage price is **\$2.48**

Ladies' and Children's Apparel Given Away

Children's Knee Pants, worth 75c. Now **29¢**
Children's Suits, worth to \$5.00. Now **\$2.29**
Children's Suits, worth to \$3.00. Now **\$1.19**
Misses' and Ladies' Skirts, worth to \$3.00. Now **98¢**
AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER ARTICLES WE CANNOT MENTION HERE. COME, PICK 'EM OUT.

Shoes Almost Given Away

An enormous stock to select from. Come buy 2 and 3 pairs for the price of 1 pair you have to pay to your regular dealer.
Men's and Ladies' Boots. Many of this lot were sold for \$3.00. Now **98¢**
Men's Boots, worth to \$3.50. Now **\$1.49**

DOORS OPEN TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, AT 10.30 A. M.

MONTREAL SALVAGE BROKERS

Buyers and Sellers of Bankrupt and Salvage Stocks for Cash.

THE QUEBEC BANK

Report of the Proceedings of the Ninety-Seventh Annual Meeting of Shareholders

The Ninety-Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of The Quebec Bank was held in the Board Room of the Head Office in Quebec, Monday, the seventh of December, 1914, at 3 o'clock p.m.

The following were present: Herman Young, Arthur E. Scott, Loring W. Bailey, Jr., John T. Ross, Thomas McDougall, James G. Scott, Peter Laing, John M. McIntyre, Lieut.-Col. Ernest F. Wurtele, R. MacD. Paterson, Vesey Roswell, Paul G. Owen, J. F. Burstell, Gaspard Lemoine.

Mr. John M. McIntyre moved, seconded by Mr. Peter Laing, that the chair be taken by Mr. John T. Ross and Mr. R. C. Patton be requested to act as secretary of the meeting. Carried.

The Chairman read the Report of the Directors as follows: The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the Ninety-Seventh Annual Report covering the year ended 31st October, 1914, together with the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The net profits for the year, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, operating expenses and unearned interest on current loans, amount to \$296,659.27; there has been paid out of this quarterly dividends amounting to \$191,299.51 and the sum of \$5,000 has been added to the Pension Fund; \$20,897.33 has been paid out for business taxes; \$20,000 has been reserved to cover depreciation in bonds and other securities; \$18,018.83 has been expended on premises and branches; \$10,000 has been donated to the Patriotic Fund, and we have reserved the sum of \$35,000 to provide for contingencies.

The sum of \$1,692.50 has been received as premium on new capital stock issued and this sum has been transferred to the Reserve Account, making it \$1,308,655.99.

The conservative course, which is the habit of this Bank, has been followed by the Directors during the past year and they deemed it advisable, owing to the unsettled state of financial conditions, to maintain cash reserves rather larger than usual. This policy has somewhat modified our earning powers but, on the other hand, we have been enabled to pass through a period of contraction of business followed by the outbreak of war without undue anxiety. We are glad to report that the business of the Bank, generally, is very satisfactory.

The Assets of the Bank have, as usual, been subject to careful revaluation. Branches were opened during the year as follows: ONTARIO: Gerrard Street and Logan Avenue, Toronto; Yonge and Grosvenor Streets, Toronto; Dalhousie and York Streets, Ottawa.

QUEBEC: Greene Avenue, Westmount; Lennoxville. SASKATCHEWAN: Fontenay, Regina.

In addition to the above, sub-agencies have been established at St. Jean Chrysostome, P. Q., and St. Nicholas, P. Q.

The Branches at Huntington, B. C., and Rosetown, Sask., have been closed.

We have to announce with the greatest regret the death of our colleague, Mr. William A. Marsh on the 24th of July, 1914. A regular attendant at our meetings, the interests of the Bank were always the first consideration with Mr. Marsh, and his wise counsel was of much advantage to the Board.

A valuable addition to the strength of the Board has been made by the election of a new Director, Mr. John Malcolm McIntyre, of Montreal.

The Auditors that you appointed at the last annual meeting, Messrs. James G. Ross, John W. Ross and A. F. C. Ross, have added their report to the Balance Sheet. They are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

The Head Office and all the Branches of the Bank have undergone the usual thorough inspection during the year.

The Directors again desire to express their appreciation of the loyalty and efficiency of the Staff in the performance of their duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. ROSS, President.

THE QUEBEC BANK

Statement of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the Year Ended 31st of October, 1914

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	
Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account brought forward	\$ 25,004.62
Profits for the year ended the 31st October, 1914, after deducting charges of management and making provision for unearned interest on Current Loans, interest due to depositors and for bad and doubtful debts	296,659.27
Premium on New Capital Stock	1,692.50
	\$ 323,356.39
Appropriated as follows:—	
Dividends Nos. 199-200-201-202 at seven per cent. per annum	\$ 191,299.51
Reserved for Pension Fund	5,000.00
Business Taxes	20,897.33
Reserved for Depreciation in Bonds and Securities	30,000.00
Reserved for Contingencies	35,000.00
Expenditure on Premises and Branches	18,018.83
Donation to Patriotic Fund	10,000.00
Premium on New Stock Transferred to Reserve Account	1,692.50
Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account carried forward	11,418.22
	\$ 233,356.39
REST.	
By Balance at Credit 31st October, 1913	\$1,266,962.50
Premium on New Capital Stock	1,692.50
	\$1,268,655.00
To Balance carried forward 31st October, 1914	\$1,308,655.99
W. H. SCOTT, Chief Accountant.	
E. B. STEVENSON, General Manager.	JOHN T. ROSS, President.
*Note: Profits are at the rate of 7.34 per cent. upon the average paid-up capital and rest.	

GENERAL STATEMENT—31st October, 1914.

LIABILITIES.	
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	\$ 2,434,211.06
Deposits not bearing interest	\$ 2,136,465.17
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to 31st October, 1914	10,841,957.15
	\$ 12,978,422.32
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	250,000.00
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries	192,237.63
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	6,427.50
Liabilities not included in the foregoing	214,548.98
	\$16,025,842.43
Total Liabilities to the Public	2,734,620.00
Capital Stock paid in	\$1,308,655.99
Balance of Profits carried forward	11,418.22
Dividend No. 202 payable 1st December, 1914	47,855.85
	\$1,367,959.07
	\$20,178,426.50
ASSETS.	
Current Coin	\$ 353,946.85
Dominion Notes	723,718.00
Notes of other Banks	134,247.00
Cheques on other Banks	612,109.90
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	12,880.26
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	534,467.28
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	49,750.00
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities, other than Canadian	246,802.44
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	1,822,553.38
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	3,077,566.26
	\$ 7,568,313.37
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	\$10,594,402.15
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit as per Centra	6,427.50
Real Estate, other than Bank Premises	47,300.00
Overdue Debts, estimated loss provided for	172,565.16
Bank Premises	1,547,292.03
Deposit with the Minister for the purpose of the Cir-	

THEATRE SWEEP BILL DEGRADES THE FLAG

Lottery Scheme Seeks to Profit by Patriotic Fervor of People; What is Offered

The action taken by the Social Service Commission in regard to the use of the national flag on a bill advertising the proposed sweepstakes for the relief of the holders of the Royal Victoria theatre first mortgage debentures, and the action which is being taken in opposition to the scheme for a raffle or lottery, has aroused public interest in the bill and many have been looking for a copy of it.

The bill is headed "Salmon's Imperial Sweep Tickets," and to give the imperial flavor to it this heading is printed upon the Union Jack.

In a few lines of introduction it is stated that the Royal Victoria theatre was finished in December last at a cost complete, including land and furnishings, of \$432,000, and that the amount of first mortgage debentures issued is \$250,000. It is then explained that if the total number of tickets—which is not stated, but is presumably 250,000—are not sold the contribution to the relief fund and the prizes will be distributed pro rata. Each ticket will also admit the bearer to one of a series of concerts, the dates of which are to be announced on the closing of the subscription.

To accommodate every purchaser there would have to be over two hundred concerts given in the Royal Victoria, each to a capacity house.

In the event of all the tickets being sold the division of the proceeds will be preceded by contributing \$50,000 to various "patriotic" funds. "Larger down in the bill it is said that this sum is to provide relief for the unemployed and kindred proper societies." This fund is to be held by the Merchants Bank of Canada until arrangements for its distribution can be made by F. R. Penberton and Andrew Wright, trustees for the debenture holders of the Royal Victoria Theatre company.

There are to be 573 prizes in which holders of tickets will participate, and the aggregate amount being disposed of is \$50,000 in cash and \$250,000 in Royal Victoria theatre ten-year first mortgage debentures, which are described as "bearing 7 per cent. interest." Nothing is said about this being guaranteed, however. Three of the lucky others will get cash and debentures; the others get debentures only. The bill says that \$250,000 is to be appropriated to purchase the first mortgage debentures of the theatre, and these are the debentures that are to be divided in prizes. What the prize-winners will hold between them will be a quarter of a million mortgage on the buildings which will continue to remain the property of the shareholders.

The first prize will be \$20,000, of which \$30,000 will be in cash and \$20,000 in debentures. The second prize of \$20,000 is to be paid half and half cash and debentures. The third prize is \$20,000 in value, \$5,000 in cash and \$15,000 in debentures. The rest of the prizes are in debentures. Five winners will get debentures to the value of \$10,000 each, five will each get \$5,000 worth, fifty will get \$1,000 worth each, sixty are down for prizes of \$500 worth of debentures and four hundred and fifty will get one debenture for \$100 each.

The drawing is announced for March 27 next, "under the supervision of the press of the province of British Columbia." It may be stated that this is entirely unauthorized, and that the press of the province has not been consulted.

The United States mines nearly 40 per cent. of the world's output of coal and produced 61 per cent. of the petroleum in 1913. Of the more essential metals, 40 per cent. of the world's output of iron ore is raised from American mines; and the smelters of the United States furnish the world with 35 per cent. of its copper, and at least 20 per cent. of its lead and zinc.

valuation Fund..... 121,000.00
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank..... 2,600.00
Other Assets not included in the foregoing..... 119,126.29
\$20,178,426.50

W. H. SCOTT, Chief Accountant.
E. B. STEVENSON, General Manager.

To the Shareholders of The Quebec Bank:

We beg to report that we have examined the above Statement and have verified the items shown thereon from the Books of Accounts, records and certified Branch returns of the Bank.

The cash on hand, the investments and the securities of the Bank at the Head Office have been verified as required by the Bank Act. We have also visited a number of the important Branches of the Bank during the year and have verified the cash and securities held by them.

All information required has been given us during our examination, and all transactions coming under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank. We certify that the above Statement correctly sets forth the position of the Bank at the close of its fiscal year according to the Books of Accounts, documents, and records examined by us.

Montreal, November 30th, 1914.
JAS. G. ROSS,
A. F. C. ROSS,
JOHN W. ROSS,
Chartered Accountants.

Mr. John T. Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Vesey Roswell, that the Report and Statements now read be adopted and published for the information of the Shareholders. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Arthur E. Scott, seconded by Mr. R. MacD. Paterson, that Messrs. Jas. G. Ross, A. F. C. Ross and J. W. Ross be re-elected Auditors of the Bank for the coming year and the remuneration, including all expenses, shall not exceed three thousand five hundred dollars per annum. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. F. F. Burstell, seconded by Lt. Col. E. F. Wurtele, that the thanks of this meeting be given to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their valuable services during the past year. In reply to which the President expressed his thanks on behalf of the Directors.

It was moved by Mr. Arthur E. Scott, seconded by Mr. Loring W. Bailey, Jr., that the thanks of this meeting be given to the General Manager and other officers of the Bank for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties. In reply to which the General Manager expressed his thanks on behalf of himself and the other Officers of the Bank.

Mr. J. G. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Thos. McDougall, that Mr. Arthur E. Scott and Lieut.-Col. E. F. Wurtele be appointed Scrutinizers of the Ballot and that the Ballot Box be now opened and remain open until 4.30 o'clock of this day, for the election of a Director, and that if five minutes elapse without a vote being cast, the Scrutinizers be empowered to close the Ballot Box. Carried.

The Scrutinizers reported as follows: B. B. Stevenson, General Manager, The Quebec Bank:

Dear Sir:—We have to report that having acted as Scrutinizers at the election held this day, the following gentlemen have been elected Directors for the ensuing year: John T. Ross, Vesey Roswell, Gaspard Lemoine, Thos. McDougall, J. E. Aldred, R. MacD. Paterson, Peter Laing, John M. McIntyre, G. G. Stuart, K. C.

sulted in the matter, except, perhaps, in the case of one owner. Ticket holders may also appoint ten scrutineers to act with representatives of the press. It is stated. The expenses in connection with the sale of tickets, printing, advertising and the rest are not to exceed 5 per cent. No commission will be charged on the "relief and unemployed fund."

The bill bears the imprint of the Colonial Press, and in addition to being headed with the Union Jack has a general red-white-and-blue effect. The criminal code declares that everyone is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to two years' imprisonment and to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 who prints any lottery proposal or plan for in any way disposing of any property by lots, cards, tickets or any mode of chance whatsoever, who sells any lottery tickets, or who conducts any lottery scheme.

Any person who buys, takes or receives a lottery ticket is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of \$20. Every sale or exchange of any property by a lottery or other mode of chance is void, and the property is liable to be forfeited to any person who sues for it by action or information in any court of competent jurisdiction.

ASK COMMISSION TO ACT

Members of Social Service Commissioners About Sweepstake.

A delegation of the Social Service commission yesterday afternoon called on the police commissioners and put before them the facts in connection with the theatre lottery, urging the exercise of authority in seeing that the police did their duty in prosecuting the people who were responsible for the sweepstake in question. The spokesman of the delegation pointed out that the commissioners were responsible for maintaining an efficient police force, and if the latter were remiss in their duties it was the office of the police commissioners to reprimand them or dismiss them.

The delegation, which consisted of Rev. W. Stevenson, Dr. C. T. Scott, Rev. J. G. Inkster, Rev. Joseph McCoy, Rev. Paul Connell and Rev. E. N. Stapleford, was heard by his worship Mayor Stewart, chairman of the police commission, and his fellow-commissioners, who made no definite statement as to the ultimate actions of that body, merely stating that the commissioners would give the matter their consideration. Chief Langley was present.

The Social Service commission, together with several leading citizens, will confer with the premier and members of the provincial government tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock on the matter.

The following is the text of the telegram sent yesterday by the Social Service commission to H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada:

"Big sweepstakes lottery called Salmon's Imperial Sweep, and decorated with the Union Jack, is being operated in Victoria contrary to the Criminal Code and in violation of large public sentiment. The Social Service commission, representing all religious bodies, appeals to you as His Majesty's representative, to signify your disapproval of such use of the flag."

Telegrams were also dispatched to the minister of justice and to the postmaster-general, asking each, according to his power, to use influence to stop the lottery.

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RESULT—the best part of your coal—the 14,000 cubic feet of common illuminating gas that is in the average ton of \$3.00 soft coal—goes up the flue unburned. You have lost it. It has gone up in smoke.

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KAISER AT THE KURSAAL.

None of the manifestoes issued by the Kaiser in the present war touch on such homely matters as the relative merits of beer and coffee. "Take Paris or die" is typical of Wilhelm's theatrical taste in manifestoes. But even as a young man he liked to strike an attitude.

While he was still crown prince, and a gorgeously-appareled young officer, he entered the Kursaal at Ems wearing an overcoat which concealed his brilliant uniform. Approaching the crowded table, he placed thereon a small coin. With a contemptuous gesture the banker threw the coin upon the floor, with the remark, "For the crumpet!"

Again the unknown patron threw down a coin and lost, the banker repeating his lordly action and words, to the great amusement of the other players.

It was the custom of the banks at this resort to set aside a certain sum each day, and put up a notice of the amount beyond which they could not play. If the losses reached this sum, the bank must close for the day. Wilhelm glanced at the notice—200,000 francs on this occasion—and quietly remarked that he would play for the whole bank.

"Who are you, pray?" inquired the dealer, with new-born respect. For reply the future German Emperor opened his coat, displaying upon his breast his imperial star.

The cards were dealt, the crown prince won, and the bank was broken. Wilhelm's moment had come. Taking up the enormous sum—with both hands, he dashed it on the floor, exclaiming, as he turned on his heel, "For the crumpet!" and then left the apartment.

The age of one's heart is shown by the nature of its emotions.—Marcel Prevost.

AUCTION SALE

LANDS AND BUILDINGS.

Under instructions from His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen I will sell by Public Auction at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., on Thursday, the 17th December, 1914, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., the following described property:

1. One one-storey 5-roomed dwelling, known as No. 1428 Stanley Avenue.
2. One one-and-a-half-storey 3-roomed dwelling known as 1432 Stanley Avenue.
3. One one-and-a-half-storey 4-roomed dwelling, known as 1425 Stanley Avenue.
4. Triangular part of lot 1 of lots 33 and 34, section 74 and 75, Fernwood Estate, Map 74, 55 feet frontage on Stanley Avenue corner of Pandora, containing 4850 square feet, more or less.

TERMS OF SALE.
Buildings—To be paid for in cash and to be removed within six weeks from date of sale.
Land—Payment to be 10 per cent. of purchase price at date of sale and balance within 30 days, deeds at City's expense.

Plan and further description may be seen at my office, City Hall.
EDWIN R. SMITH,
Treasurer of the Corporation of the City of Victoria,
Victoria, B. C., December 8th, 1914.

RE MUNICIPAL VOTERS' LIST FOR THE YEAR 1915.

The attention of those interested is hereby drawn to Section 5 of the "Municipal Elections Act, Amendment Act," of 1914, which provides that no application to the Police Magistrate, or a Judge, for an order to add to the Voters' List the name of any person, alleged to have been improperly omitted therefrom, shall be heard, or order made, after the 31st day of December, instant.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.
City Clerk's Office,
Victoria, B. C., December 10, 1914.

The nations' holding of bullion and coin at the outbreak of war was as under:—France, £189,700,000; Russia, £174,500,000; Germany, £84,500,000; Austria, £64,200,000; Great Britain, £40,200,000.

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Along the Waterfront

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REACHES PORT AFTER MONOTONOUS PASSAGE

Niagara Here From Sydney After Direct Run From Auckland

Steaming direct from Auckland, N. Z., to Victoria, a distance of 6,400 miles, in fifteen and a half days, the Canadian-Australian liner Niagara, Captain C. T. Rolls, arrived at this port at 10 o'clock of her scheduled time. The big-green steamship was forced to omit the regular calls at Suva and Honolulu owing to the activity of German warships remaining at large. The long run up the Pacific was tedious and monotonous, and passengers, officers and members of the crew are glad that they are once again in port. Only 37 passengers came north from the Antipodes, and although several dances and entertainments were held, the voyage was very tiresome for those on board. The Niagara had splendid weather during the long stretch of the voyage, but when crossing the Tasman Sea from Sydney to Auckland the weather was very nasty. A heavy beam sea caused the big steamship to roll heavily. The rest of the voyage, from the New Zealand port for 24 hours, leading heavy shipments of butter and general cargo. On December 1 the Niagara cleared Auckland on her long run through the tropics to Victoria. Captain Rolls did not say what course he took, but he says both the Fiji and Hawaiian Islands were berthed in northern latitudes. The officers of the vessel were expecting bad weather, but they stated that off this coast the sea was as smooth as glass. Last Friday cool breezes were encountered, and the remaining nights spent at sea were very cold.

Few Passengers Arrive.
The passenger list on the Niagara was one of the lightest ever to arrive from the Antipodes. The fear that the ship might fall into the hands of the Germans has prevented many people from traveling and the tightness of money in the Commonwealth is keeping many of the business men at home. The passengers who disembarked here from the steamship were as follows: First saloon—F. J. Craine, Sec. and saloon-measurer, J. Stewart-Ross, J. Conway and H. Cunningham; Messrs. James Cunningham and four children and Conway Third class—Messrs. Jamieson, W. Gibson, A. Sparre, A. M. Carr, Pappas, J. Smith, I. Mawson, I. Brown, J. Pearson, H. Dear, A. Richmond and Mrs. M. Gibson.

The Niagara discharged only 20 tons of cargo at this port and proceeded to Vancouver at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

'FRISCO MARINE NEWS

Opening up a new traffic by the water via the Panama canal from the southern states, the freighter Peter H. Crowell, Capt. Kent, of the Sudden, a Christensen fleet, has arrived here. She brought coal and general cargo loaded at Baltimore, Mobile and New Orleans.

The southern expansion resulted from a trip which Capt. I. N. Hibbard made for the company to visit shippers of the south, who are desirous of moving goods here by water instead of rail because of more attractive rates and quicker service.

The American-Hawaiian freighter Pennsylvania and the Maple Leaf freighter Anna have arrived from Seattle to finish loading the former for New York and the latter for England.

First-class cruisers are all-burning ships, and make practically no smoke to act as a warning to the enemy.

BARQUE SAILS WITH JACK STILL FLYING

British Yeoman Has Not Changed Her Flag Yet; to Load Lumber

With the Union Jack still fluttering from her masthead, the British barque British Yeoman, Capt. Armstrong, left Esquimalt this morning at 8 o'clock in tow of the C. P. R. tug Nanosue, bound for Genoa Bay. The sailor reached the bay shortly after noon and is now berthed alongside the mills and ready to commence loading 1,600,000 feet of lumber for Capetown, South Africa. The barque will be about four weeks getting the big cargo stowed in her hold and on deck.

The negotiations which have been going on for some days with a view to changing the registry of the British Yeoman, so far have produced no result. When the barque arrived here, the owners, Eschen & Minor, of San Francisco, immediately made representations to Washington, D. C., to bring the vessel under the Stars and Stripes. The destruction of the German commerce raiders off the Falkland Islands seems to have caused the owners to change their mind in regard to changing the flag of the vessel. Before leaving here Capt. Armstrong said that he did not think the Union Jack would give way to colors of the States.

First Sailor to Load.

The British Yeoman is the first sailing ship ever to load at the Genoa Bay mills. She is under charter to Findlay, Durham & Brodie, St. Louis, Mo. The British Yeoman had been loaded out on Yarrow's marine slip and had her hull cleaned and painted. Considerable repair work was also carried out on the ship.

Late to-day the British barque Birkdale, Capt. Wainwright, took a towline aboard from the tug Pioneer and started on a trip across the Sound to Tacoma, where she is to take aboard a full cargo of grain for the United Kingdom. The Birkdale brought a cargo of coal to Esquimalt from Barry, Wales, and made the passage out via Cape Horn in the smart time of 142 days.

The annual post-bag of British India carries more than 750,000,000 letters and more than 97,000,000 newspapers.

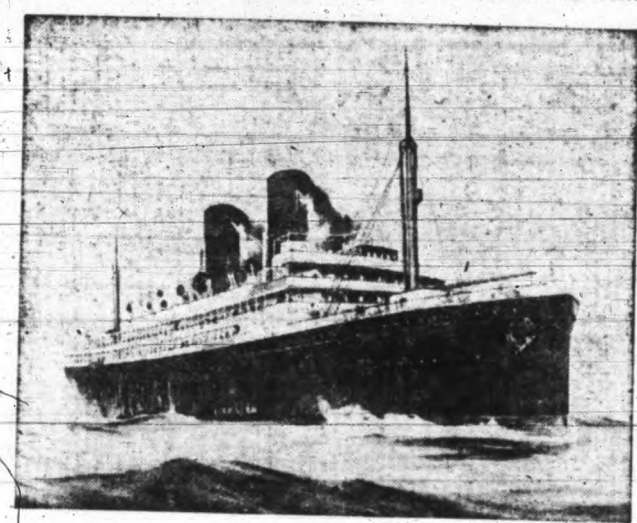
ANOTHER SAILER TO TAKE LUMBER HOME

British Ship Law Hill to Load on Columbia River for United Kingdom

Portland, Dec. 15.—Lumber totalling 5,500,000 feet will be taken from here to the United Kingdom and India by the British ship Law Hill and the Japanese steamer Shintsu Maru, which were chartered for the purpose yesterday morning. It is the biggest day's business in the lumber line since the war began in Europe. The Law Hill will load at Portland and will clear for the United Kingdom for orders, while the Shintsu Maru will take on her cargo at St. Helens for India. Her cargo will be made up of crosscut railroad ties.

The same firm recently sold a similar cargo which will be dispatched to the United Kingdom on the Russian ship Samoset. The latter vessel was

RETURNING TO OLD ROUTE ON NEXT OUTWARD TRIP



R. M. S. NIAGARA.

engaged last week and represented the only lumber carrier which up to that time had been chartered to go to that quarter of the globe following the trouble in Europe.

The Law Hill has capacity for handling a trifle more than 2,000,000 feet of fir. She is at Wallaroo, New Zealand, and her arrival will be expected in March. The Samoset is scheduled to put in an appearance for February loading. She is coming from Calais, and will be her initial trip to Portland, but the Law Hill is an old trader out of here. She has taken grain from the Rose City.

Has Left Honolulu.

In about nine days the Shintsu Maru, which was chartered by the Pacific Export Lumber company, will reach the river. She is coming from Honolulu, which port she is reported to have left for Portland last Sunday. She will load at St. Helens and her cargo is expected to comprise about 2,500,000 feet. The last crosscut ties to leave the Wallaroo for India were taken out by the British steamship Queen Maude, which sailed from the river last part of August. Following the declaration of war the demand for ties and other lumber in India ceased.

With these new orders from India and the United Kingdom being placed it is predicted that it will not be long until the lumber exports to those quarters will reach a large volume again.

YALE AND HARVARD HAVE STEAMED 350,000 MILES

In the three years they have been plying between San Francisco and Southern California ports the speedy yachts Yale and Harvard have covered 350,000 miles, according to data compiled by the operators of the vessels. The distance is equivalent to fourteen times around the globe. It is claimed that few other steamers have such a showing to their credit. Their speed is placed at 24 knots an hour, 0.7 of a knot less than developed by the Great Northern on her trial trip, the fastest vessel under the American flag.

INCREASE IN U. S. MARINE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The American merchant marine has been increased by 101 vessels with a total displacement of 241,078 gross tons since September 3, according to an announcement yesterday by the department of commerce. The ships were admitted to American registry under the act of congress passed directly after the outbreak of the European war.

CORDELIA PASSES UP

The oil-tanker Cordelia called off here this morning to drop her Vancouver pilot before proceeding to sea. The steamship has just delivered a cargo of oil at the mainland port and is returning to San Francisco for another load.

A shoal of herrings is supposed to consist of from 300,000 to 1,000,000.

NIAGARA TO RESUME HER FORMER COURSE

On Outward Trip—Liner Will Call at Honolulu and Suva; Jubilant Over News

When the Canadian-Australian liner Niagara sails from Victoria next Wednesday on her return trip to Sydney, Australia, will resume the calls at Honolulu and Suva. During the time the Kaiser's war vessels were running at large on the Pacific, the passenger liners coming from the Antipodes abandoned the regular ocean tracks, but now that the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig and Nuernberg have been safely tucked away in Davy Jones' locker and the old, long-whiskered denizen of the deep is making preparations to receive the Dresden, the Union Steamship company has announced that it will have its ships call at these two ports.

At the present time the Pacific is clear of German ships. Steamships are now able to steam once again with all lights burning brightly and the captains will not be subjected to the omnipresent fear of being overtaken by an enemy's fighting machine. Men in charge of the big British ships which maintain the world's commerce, have heaved a sigh of relief at the passing of the German ships from the Pacific.

Delighted Over News.

Owing to the fact that the wireless instruments on the Niagara were sealed during the passage, those on board the Niagara did not know of the great naval victory of the British fleet over the Germans off the Falkland Islands until the news of the triumph was brought by the joyous news, especially Capt. Rolls and his officers. The passengers were greatly interested in the news of the bombardment of the English towns by the German cruisers, which was taken aboard by the Times. When the Niagara was nearing Auckland on her last trip south the wireless operators, who had the instruments working when nearing home waters, heard of the destruction of the Emden by the Sydney anti-Capt. Rolls chalked off another commercial-raider from his list.

FAMOUS STEAMER DORA AGAIN DRIVES ASHORE

Seattle, Dec. 15.—Carried off her course by one of the furious storms that swept over the Alaska peninsula the latter part of November, the steamer Dora, famous all over the Pacific, struck a reef at night, pounded on the rocks until her passengers believed death imminent, and then performed the almost unparalleled feat of sliding back into deep water and staying afloat. News of the near-disaster was brought south by the steamer Alameda, of the Alaska Steamship company, arriving Saturday night from Southwestern and Southeastern Alaska.

The Dora later was beached at Edward where a survey will be held to determine the extent of her damages. On the trip back to Seward from her westward ports of call, she made sweat at the rate of a foot an hour.

When overtaken by the storm, the Dora was proceeding westward to Sand Point in the Shumagin Islands. The little steamer had battled with the storms of the Alaska winter for years and never yet had been beached. When the vessel was one day east of Sand Point, the storm increased in fury and by night was blowing a regular hurricane. According to the advices received, snow was falling.

The vessel went on the reef almost without warning and began pounding heavily under the impact of savage seas. She had seven passengers aboard, the waves broke in great volumes of water over her decks and before long her cabin was knee deep. The officers discussed the advisability of lowering the life-boats, but soon saw that that avenue of escape was cut off. The small boats could not have lived in the sea.

When all hands had about decided that the Dora had at last been beached by the elements and that they probably would perish with her, the little steamer suddenly slipped off the reef and drifted back into clear water. She was leaking badly, but the pumps were able to keep the water under control.

The first consumption of the two vessels was 11 to 12 tons per day for the steam, and about 45 tons for the steam voyage. The steamer would use about 6,000 tons of coal, at an approximate cost of \$30,000, while the steam used 1,500 tons of fuel at a total cost of \$12,125.

GOVERNMENT STEAMER SHARON IS OVERDUE

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The Canadian government steamer Sharon, bound from Sydney, C. B., to Newport, Wales, with a cargo of coal and a crew of 30 men, is a month overdue and is believed to have been lost somewhere in the Atlantic, according to information that reached here today. Government officials said they thought it possible that the steamer had struck a mine off the north coast of Ireland and foundered.

The Sharon was purchased in England a year ago for work on the Hudson Bay route. She cost about \$150,000 and was chartered to the Dominion Iron & Steel company for the winter. The crew was shipped in Canada.

The Sharon reported by wireless after leaving Newfoundland. Nothing has been heard from her since then.

Public life is a situation of power and energy; he trepanned against his duty who sleeps upon his watch as well as he that goes over to the enemy.—Burke

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S. S. "SCANDINAVIAN" from St. John to Liverpool.....January 3
S. S. "ST. PAUL" from New York to Liverpool.....January 9
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S. S. "LAPLAND" from New York to Liverpool.....January 15
S. S. "GRAMPIAN" from St. John to Liverpool.....January 23

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S. S. "Gramplan" from St. John.....December 25th
S. S. "St. Louis" from New York.....December 26th
S. S. "Minneapolis" from New York.....December 26th
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San Francisco, Dec. 16.—After an absence of just five years, the former British six-masted barkentine Everett G. Griggs, famous in the world's ports as the only vessel of her rig on the seven seas, arrived here yesterday under a new name, he is now known as the Ernest R. Sterling and flies the Stars and Stripes.

In addition to this characteristic in rig the vessel brings with her two other distinctions. She is perhaps the only sailing craft equipped with wireless and is in command of the youngest skipper on the Pacific, Capt. Roy Sterling, son of the owner, who was on the poop, recently celebrated his twenty-first birthday.

MINNESOTA SHIFTS.

Seattle, Dec. 16.—The quiet little village of Port Orchard, just across the bay from Bremerton, in a few days will become the home of the greatest steamship that ever turned a wheel in Pacific waters, the Hill liner Minnesota.

Officials of the company announced yesterday that the big craft will be tied up for the winter in the little protected bay off the village, known as Puget sound's smallest port.

The Minnesota has been lying at the grain elevator at Smith Cove, but a number of steamers, including vessels of the Harrison Direct line, are on their way to Seattle to load grain for Europe and her berth will be needed.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Dec. 15.

Tacoma, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Meteor, Seattle. Sailed: Str. Nome City, Seattle.

Admiral Dewey, Seattle.

San Francisco, Cal.—Arrived: Str. Coronado, Gray's Harbor; Manoa, Honolulu; San Ramon, Portland; Br. str. Sequoia, Japan; barquentine E. R. Sterling, Eagle Harbor via Nanaimo. Sailed: Str. Asquith, Portland; str. William Chatham, Tacoma; str. Adeline Smith, Coos Bay.

Seattle, Ore.—Arrived: Danish barque Havila, Pisagua, str. William H. Smith, Eagle Harbor. Sailed: Str. Breakwater, Coos Bay; str. Yosemite, Tacoma.

Aberdeen, Wash.—Sailed: Str. G. C. Lindauer, San Francisco.

Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Str. City of Seattle, Alaska; Nome City, Tacoma; str. A. F. Lillie, San Francisco.

Sailed: Str. Humboldt, Alaska; str. Maru, Honolulu via Vancouver; str. Queen, San Diego via San Francisco; str. Queen, San Francisco via Vancouver; str. Governor, Vancouver via Sound ports.

Shanghai—Arrived: Str. Siberia, from Seattle, N. S. W., Dec. 14.—Arrived: Str. Strathairn, from Seattle; str. Ventura, from San Francisco.

Sunderland—Arrived: Str. Jose de Larrea, from San Francisco via Norfolk.

Liverpool—Arrived: Str. Zealand, from Portland, Ore.

Halifax—Arrived: Str. Kentuckian, from Seattle, N. S. W., Dec. 14.—Arrived: Str. City of Paris, from San Francisco.

Avonmouth—Arrived: Str. Knight of the

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DEEP SEA ARRIVALS.

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Seattle Maru	Sailor	3,541	R. P. Rithot	Hongkong	Dec. 25
Discoverer	Busch	2,800	Balfour, Guthrie	Hongkong	Dec. 25
Saco Maru	Asahara	2,900	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Dec. 25
Niagara	Rolls	7,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Dec. 16
Yokohama Maru	Konno	5,360	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Dec. 17
Tamboro	Kobayashi	3,773	Balfour, Guthrie	Hongkong	Dec. 25
Mexico Maru	Kobayashi	3,520	R. P. Rithot	Hongkong	Jan. 8
Discoveer	Nielsen	2,800	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Jan. 13
Awa Maru	Tominaga	3,320	G. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 13
Island	Phillips	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	Jan. 14
Seattle Maru	Repenhausen	6,041	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Jan. 18
Saco Maru	Sailor	3,541	R. P. Rithot	Hongkong	Jan. 22
Moyano	Repenhausen	3,320	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Feb. 10
Deucalion	Repenhausen	4,675	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Mar. 10

DEEP-SEA DEPARTURES.

Niagara, C. P. R.	Dec. 23
Cyclone, Dodwell, Liverpool	Dec. 23
Panama Maru, R. P. Rithot, Hongkong	Dec. 23
Saco Maru, G. N., Hongkong	Dec. 23
Seattle Maru, R. P. Rithot, Hongkong	Jan. 12
Yokohama Maru, G. N., Hongkong	Jan. 12
Makura, C. P. R., Australia	Jan. 23
Antiochus, Dodwell, Liverpool	Jan. 23

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VAUDEVILLE REPEATED

Patriotic Entertainment Given at Lampson Street School Last Evening.

The addition of several numbers in which Miss Kathleen Dunsmyth took part added considerably to the programme of the patriotic vaudeville which was given in the Royal Victoria theatre several weeks ago, and which was repeated last evening under the management of Mrs. H. Pooley at the Lampson Street school. The entertainment was given, as in the previous instance, in aid of patriotic work and netted a considerable sum in this behalf.

One of the most beautiful of the newly-inserted numbers was the Crooney Song, in which Miss K. Dunsmyth took a leading part. The costumes in this were of most original design, and the song and act were both enthusiastically received. Assisting in this number were the Misses M. Dunsmyth, Bodwell and B. Bodwell. Miss Kathleen Dunsmyth also appeared in the "Lads in Navy Blue," which made such a hit on the occasion of its original appearance here with Miss Phyllis Davis as the leading soloist in the act. The part was charmingly impersonated by Miss Dunsmyth, to whom the role was particularly well suited. Another beautiful number was the Persian garden scene, the four soloists being Mrs. Roy Troup, Mrs. Baird, H. Davis and R. B. MacKenzie. The gorgeous costumes of this number, by all the actors in this number, and the Oriental character of the background and stage-setting generally enhanced the realism of the act.

Among those present in the audience, which numbered about four hundred, were Sir Richard and Lady McBride, the Lieutenant-Governor, Elect and Mrs. Barnard, the Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Roper and Col. the Hon. E. G. and Mrs. Prior.

OLD LAND TRANSACTION.

Suit Instituted in Supreme Court in Regard to Mortgage Given Twenty Years Ago.

An application by J. A. Alkman in chambers this morning, on behalf of the plaintiff in Calhoun v. the B. C. Land & Investment Agency and C. A. Holland, for permission to amend the statement of claim was refused. The action is one for an accounting in connection with a mortgage for some \$70,000 given by the plaintiff in 1891 on a piece of land in the New Westminster district. He could not meet the payments under this, and about 1893 he transferred his equity of redemption to C. A. Holland and the late H. S. Mason, who agreed to account for the sales and other disposition of the property and pay to Calhoun any excess there might be after satisfying the mortgage.

It was stated by Mr. Alkman that in a recent search of the title in the New Westminster registry there was found an alleged transfer from the plaintiff to George E. Pakes of eighty acres of the land, and it was in respect to this that his client wished to claim that there had been fraud.

A. P. Lutton, K.C., for the defence, pointed out that the B. C. Land & Investment Agency had nothing to do with this, and on the legal side he submitted that the amendment was one which could not be made now.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. H. E. Levy will not receive to-morrow afternoon. d13

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

TAKE NOTICE that ELBIE COCKBURN and EDITH B. HARRIS, both of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, Milliners, did, on the second day of December, 1914, make an assignment for the benefit of their creditors under the provisions of "The Creditors Trust Deeds Act," to the undersigned. A meeting of the creditors will be held at 738 Fort Street, Victoria, British Columbia, on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1914, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the estate.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that every creditor is hereby required on or before the said date and hour to furnish to and file with the said undersigned, particulars of his claim proved by affidavit or declaration, and such vouchers as the nature of the case admits of. Dated this 16th day of December, 1914. ALMANDA ANDERSON, Of Number 738 Fort Street, Victoria, B. C.

LOCAL NEWS

Transfer Cases, Trial Balance Books, Colmar Books, Letts Diaries, 1915, and other New Year Office Supplies. Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., 1010-12 Langley Street. d13

Unemployed Meeting.—A meeting of the unemployed committee will be held this evening at the Labor hall at 7 to arrange for the mass meeting at the Variety theatre on Sunday evening. d13

Hindus and Their Cows.—To-morrow morning the county court will be again filled with Hindus to listen to the continuance of the long-drawn-out case of Singh v. Ollie which is in respect to the ownership of a number of cows. d13

Enjoy It!—Of course you will—the 25c Merchants' Lunch at the Bismarck Inn, next Public Library. d13

Filing of Claims.—An application of M. R. Jackson, acting for creditors of Hutchison Limited, an order was made this morning by Mr. Justice Morrison fixing three weeks as the time within which claims against the company must be filed by creditors. d13

Damage Suit.—This afternoon Mr. Justice Morrison is hearing the damage action of Halpin v. City of Victoria, undertaken on behalf of a minor child injured by a fireworks explosion in Beacon Hill park on the night of May 25 last. d13

Case is Adjourned.—The case in which Messrs. Kirkham & Co. are charged with keeping open after hours on a Saturday night, was again adjourned this morning, and will be heard to-morrow. Oscar Bass appears for the defendants. d13

Building Permit.—Sydney O. Gelsdorpe and P. Minchin have taken out building permits for garages, the former at 2321 Fifth street and the latter on Robertson street. A permit has been issued to Dr. Clark for alterations to premises at the corner of Douglas street and Yates street. d13

Special Council Meeting.—A special meeting of the city council has been set for to-morrow morning to amend further the Early Closing Amendment by-law passed in October, in order to enable storekeepers to remain open after 5 p. m. during the Christmas season. d13

Charge Dismissed.—Wong Shee, a Chinese woman accused of stealing a diamond ring from Lee Suey, was discharged by Magistrate Jay this morning after a long hearing. The ring alleged to have been stolen was valued at \$75. The informant, in his statement, said that he met the accused at a Johnson street theatre where they got into conversation. Later he visited at her home and it was here he alleged she stole the ring from him. R. C. Lowe defended and after considerable evidence had been taken, the magistrate found in favor of the accused. d13

Faces Theft Charge.—Charged with being in possession of wood stolen from the C.P.R., Mike Dohring was remanded in the police court this morning for twenty-four hours. Wood identified as belonging to the railway company was found under the premises now occupied by the accused, when Detectives Turner and Steffano executed a search warrant through the house. The wood was of the kind used for finished work in the cabins of ships, and is said to be worth forty cents a foot. Dohring has been employed at the C.P.R. wharf. One of the chief witnesses against him is a German who formerly occupied the house in which the accused lives. He caused much amusement in court this morning by his attempts to talk English. An interpreter will be procured for to-morrow. d13

OBITUARY RECORD

The death took place at 820 Flagstaff street this morning of Shigeo Usami, the three-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toyosaku Usami. The funeral, which was arranged by the Sands Funeral Furnishing company, took place this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock from the above residence, Rev. M. Osawa officiating. d13

The remains of the late Mrs. Margaret Ann MacKenzie were forwarded yesterday morning on the Vancouver boat for interment in that city. The arrangements were all made by the Hanna-Thomson Funeral company. d13

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PROMINENT SCIENTIST PASSES THROUGH CITY

Sir Ernest Rutherford, En Route Home, is Passenger on R. M. S. Niagara

Sir Ernest Rutherford, F. R. S., Langworthy professor and director of physics laboratories, university of Manchester, arrived from New Zealand with Lady Rutherford and their young daughter this morning on R. M. S. Niagara.

The professor, who is one of the greatest authorities on radio-activity in the world, attended the session of the British association in Australia. After the meetings concluded he stayed on with relatives in New Zealand, of which dominion he is a native son. In the course of a talk with a Times man this morning, Sir Ernest stated that the British association meeting, though interrupted by the outbreak of the war, could be regarded as a success both in the maintenance of the high standard set by its predecessors and the new lines given to thought on scientific matters by the leading members of the association.

"I myself, read several papers and gave addresses both in Australia and in New Zealand," he said, "principally with regard to the development of the atomic theory and radio-active substances. The effect of our discussions on contemporary science will unfortunately be largely discounted by international affairs, but on the whole considerable progress in physical science was made by the meeting."

He had intended to return by way of the Suez canal, but on account of the unsettled state in the Indian ocean and also my desire to see something of Canada, I was prompted to take this route. In New Zealand there was a great burst of patriotism at the despatch of the contingent and its progress is being watched with great interest in the dominion."

Sir Ernest said that he would proceed to Montreal, as he desires to meet some of the professors there. He resided in Montreal for some years as MacDonald professor of physics at McGill university. Sir Ernest showed great interest in the progress of the British Columbia university and hoped to see it become a strong factor in the educational life of the dominion.

Although still in the prime of life, the professor has an imposing array of degrees to his credit in English, Scottish, Canadian, United States and New Zealand universities. He won the Nobel prize for chemistry in 1908. He has published numerous scientific papers and works, dealing in particular with radio-activity.

SAANICH PAVING CASE

Damage Suit Brought by the Worswick Paving Company is Heard in the Supreme Court.

As stated in yesterday's issue, the suit of the Worswick Paving company against the municipality of Saanich, for damages amounting to about \$4,000, came on for hearing before Mr. Justice Morrison. F. A. McDiarmid is acting for the plaintiff company and H. B. Robertson for the municipality.

During the afternoon the story of the paving contract with the company for the paving of Mount Tolmie road and Cedar Hill road, and of the financial arrangements connected with this, were told by witnesses for both sides, including Joshua Worswick, Captain Worswick, J. S. Floyd, financial adviser to the municipality, and H. S. Cowper, municipal clerk.

This morning Mr. Cowper was recalled and was asked a number of questions about the finances of the municipality last year, the amount of taxes collected, and the like.

Mr. McDiarmid wished to put in evidence the examination of C. H. Topp, taken on discovery, in default of the presence of the witness, who is confined to his home by illness. He said that the witness was a material one for his clients.

The question then arose as to the effect of an adjournment of the trial. His lordship, pointed out that it would be difficult for him to come over to hear the trial if it was adjourned, and he suggested that it be dropped and when the witness was available it could be heard over again by whatever judge was here.

Mr. McDiarmid decided, however, that he would let the case stand as it was, and the court heard arguments of counsel.

OPENING TO-NIGHT.

Recreation Room Prepared at Exhibition Grounds to Be Formally Opened This Evening.

The new Y.M.C.A. building at the Willows camp will be formally opened this evening with an entertainment which is to consist of musical numbers by the various regiments in camp, patriotic songs and instrumental selections. Alderman Bell, president of the local Y.M.C.A., will be in the chair, and among those who are to speak are his worship the mayor of Victoria, Mr. Whitman, general secretary of the Y.M.C.A., and J. G. Yates, who has been specially appointed by the national council to take charge of the work at the Willows association headquarters.

The new building, which is 100 by 30 feet in size, has been furnished very largely through the energy of the ladies of the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E., and is intended to serve as a recreation room for the soldiers in camp at the exhibition grounds.

Will Consider Reply.—At the meeting of the police commission to-morrow a report from the city solicitor on the "sweep" for the Royal Victoria theatre will be before the commissioners in order that they may reply to the representations of the deputations of the social service commission which waited upon them yesterday.

BOARDS OF TRADE MET PREMIER TO-DAY

Joint Deputation Urged Appointment of Provincial Commissioner to South America

A sympathetic hearing was granted the joint deputation of the Victoria and Vancouver boards of trade this morning by Premier McBride, when they met in the executive chamber to advance the suggestion of the appointment of a provincial trade commissioner to represent British Columbia in South America.

The members of the deputation, who had met at a preliminary meeting early this morning to formulate their views, stated a very strong case. They emphasized the fact that although the trade reports set out conditions in South America and chances for developing trade, the compliers were obviously more conversant with eastern conditions than with western, and paid more attention to the east than the eastern provinces also. It was shown that the eastern provinces have a subsidized line to the West Indies, an advantage which is not enjoyed by British Columbia.

In his reply to the deputation, Sir Richard expressed his desire to do everything in his power to bring about the ends they aimed at, but pointed out that it was difficult to take any action of the kind they desired without conflicting with the authorities at Ottawa, which he would, of course, be very unwilling to do.

The deputation had commissioners throughout the world to keep the department well informed on trade opportunities, and the minister had expressly stated that if any shortcomings were noticeable in the manner in which these duties were carried out, advice would be welcomed. Sir Richard reiterated that he would be unwilling to do anything that would have the least appearance of working against the Dominion authorities. However he asked the deputation to meet again and draft a scheme to submit to him in writing.

The deputation was introduced by Hon. E. G. Prior, president of the Victoria board of trade. Jonathan Rogers, president of the Vancouver board, introduced the request of the deputation and was followed by W. H. Malikin and Messrs. Mather and Stone, of Vancouver; and F. A. Fletcher, C. H. Lugin and J. J. Shalleross, of Victoria.

SHIPOWNER HERE

Head of Blue Star Line Arrives on R. M. S. Niagara From Antipodes.

"I am delighted with your city from the brief inspection possible," said Sir William Vestey, Bart., on returning after a tour of the city by automobile to the R. M. S. Niagara, which was in port to-day.

Sir William, who is managing director of the Union Cold Storage Co., Ltd., England, and head of the Blue Star line of steamers, denied that he had any special mission in the Antipodes and stated that he was traveling for pleasure only. He was now on his way home, after a pleasant journey.

While residing in London, Sir William has large interests in Liverpool and has done considerable philanthropic work for the poor in both London and Liverpool. He was made a baronet last year.

URGE LARGER SHARE

B. C. Manufacturers' Association Will Probably Have Man at Ottawa to Report on Equipment of Forces.

A representative at Ottawa will probably be appointed by the B. C. Manufacturers' association to "keep tabs" on the orders given for equipment of the Canadian military forces.

Discontent with the share of orders for the second overseas contingent that the manufacturers of this province have received was expressed at the monthly meeting of the association in Vancouver yesterday. Figures of the total amounts involved in orders which have come to this province were given and it was the general feeling that British Columbia, which has supplied so many men to fight for the empire, should receive more attention in their equipment.

The matter was referred to the executive for action and there is little doubt that soon there will be a representative in Ottawa who will keep in close touch with the facts. Recently President Morrison and Messrs. Quigley and Hunter, all of Vancouver, went to Ottawa to look into the matter.

An interesting address on "Future Insurance Legislation" was given by Mr. Gurd, barrister, of Vancouver. In the discussion which followed it was stated that new insurance legislation was to have come up at the forthcoming session of the legislature, but that the matter had been postponed to a future session, as it was the intention of the government to appoint a royal commission on insurance, which would require some time for investigation and report.

The Seymour Narrows Bridge was also discussed briefly.

F. Westley-Newton, honorary secretary of the Victoria branch, represented the manufacturers of this city.

Social Evening.—Princess Alexandra Lodge No. 18, Daughters and Maids of England Benevolent society, will hold a social in the Orange hall, Yates street, to-morrow evening at 9 o'clock.

To Pay Visit.—A social visit will be paid by L.O.L. No. 1424, to Purple Star lodge this evening at 8 o'clock. There will be music and refreshments, and all members and their friends are invited to attend.

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CAN BUY AS CHEAPLY IN WEST AS IN EAST

J. W. Spencer Explodes Fallacy That Eastern-Bought Goods Are Cheaper

The fiction that it is possible to buy cheaper and more exclusive goods from eastern cities than locally was disproved in an interview to-day with J. W. Spencer, of the well known local firm of David Spencer, Ltd.

"The reason why people purchase from abroad, or from other parts of Canada," he said, "is that they think they are getting something cheaper or more exclusive than they can get in their home town. This point, however, should be remembered:

"When a business reaches a certain volume, the purchasing power is about equal to all the other businesses throughout the country. That is, if you have reached a certain volume of business, you can go direct to the best factories for your goods. Similarly when a business assumes such proportions the ratio of selling expense is about the same."

"The result of this is that big stores in western Canada can buy, and can therefore sell, just as cheaply as the stores in the east."

Having thus shown the fallacy of sending abroad or to far away towns with the object of getting goods more cheaply, Mr. Spencer then turned his attention to the question of styles.

"The coast cities," he said, "are noted for being just as far ahead in the matter of styles as the Eastern Canadian cities, and perhaps in some respects they even outdistance their rivals nearer the Atlantic seaboard. The changes of fashion are followed very closely in the west, and anyone who thinks that by sending east for a garment or any other article, he or she will get something more modern and recent is making a big mistake."

"These are some of the reasons why people should buy what they have to buy right in Victoria," I have urged these points as a matter of good policy. There is also the standpoint of civic patriotism which I have not dwelt upon, but which should appeal to every man and woman who has the welfare of Victoria at heart. Support to local labor is also needed very badly, and every person who sends money out of the town is helping to deprive some person or persons of a job, and so helps to increase the misery which follows upon wide unemployment."

CAME HERE IN 1879

William Batchelor Dies; Lived for Twelve Years in Nelson.

The death of still another old-timer took place at an early hour this morning, when William Batchelor, who came to Victoria thirty-five years ago, passed away at his home, corner of Lampson street and Douglas road. The deceased was a native of Ayrshire, Cheshire, England, and made his way to Victoria with his wife and family in '79, traveling via Chicago and San Francisco. From the latter point they made the trip north on the "City of Chester," which sank shortly afterwards in the harbor of San Francisco. For several years after coming here he conducted a grocery business on Second street, later removing to Nelson, where he opened and carried on a successful grocery business for about twelve years. It was on his return from the interior that he opened the grocery on Lampson street, where he had conducted a business ever since.

His illness was of more than a year's duration, but in spite of this the fatal character of the disease was not assumed to be so critical until quite recently.

He is survived by his widow, three daughters and one son. The daughters are Mrs. Jenny Ward, Mrs. F. A. Nickella, and Mrs. A. P. Hobden, all live in Victoria, as well as one son, W. C. Batchelor. A brother, Joseph Batchelor, lives in Honolulu. The funeral, which is being arranged by the Sands Funeral Furnishing company, will take place on Friday, from the above address, Rev. Thomas Keyworth officiating.

CANN TO RELIEVE MASTER.

Capt. T. H. Cann, Jr., who is now at San Francisco, will take command of the steamship President, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, on her next northbound voyage, relieving Capt. George H. Zeh, her regular master, who is to take a well-earned vacation.

Capt. Cann, after the return of Capt. Zeh to duty, will relieve first, Capt. Howard C. Thomas, of the Governor, and then Capt. N. E. Cousins, of the Congress, while they take their vacations.

"Now," said the principal to one of the pupils at the close of the lesson in which he had touched on the horrors of war, "do you object to war, my boy?" "Yes, sir, I do," was the fervent answer. "Now tell us why," "Because," said the youth, "wars make history, and I just hate history."

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Financial News

INDIVIDUAL STRENGTH

SHOWN IN SNOWSTORM

Disposition of Prices of Local Sheet Was to Lower in Value

Snowstorm became quite resilient, the issue showing individual strength in spite of a disposed bearish trend in the list of other prices. Some specialties were firmer, as Salt Spring Creamery, and the margin between bid and offer narrowed in B. C. Copper, giving a somewhat more normal appearance to the stock.

The situation in Coronation and Portland was in both cases featureless, immediate inquiry in the former having divided considerably late, and in the latter selling pressure now automatically stopped.

Offerings of Athabasca Oil were numerous for the session, and in consequence of Calgary dullness buying power in all oils was reduced to a minimum.

Stock	High	Low	Ask
Blackhead Syndicate	20.00	19.75	20.00
B. C. Refining Co.	20.00	19.75	20.00
B. C. Copper Co.	20.00	19.75	20.00
C. N. P. Fisheries	20.00	19.75	20.00
Coronation Gold	20.00	19.75	20.00
Lucky Jim Zinc	20.00	19.75	20.00
McGillivray Coal	20.00	19.75	20.00
Sagest Gold	20.00	19.75	20.00
Portland Canal	20.00	19.75	20.00
Rancher Caribou	20.00	19.75	20.00
Red Cliff	20.00	19.75	20.00
Standard Lead	20.00	19.75	20.00
Snowstorm	20.00	19.75	20.00
Stewart M. & D.	20.00	19.75	20.00
Slocan Star	20.00	19.75	20.00
S. S. Island Creamery	20.00	19.75	20.00
Stewart Land	20.00	19.75	20.00

BRITISH CABLE FIRM IN TONE FOR WHEAT

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Chicago, Dec. 16.—British cables were rather firm in tone without giving any quotations. They claimed light offers of American winter wheat and quoted cargoes three per quarter higher. Buyers had a little help from smaller primary factors. The North Sea reports of naval operations caused most of the selling pressure. Export houses bought on a rally at mid-day. The tendency of the market is lower.

Seaside market ruled 1 to 1 1/2 higher in corn. Cold weather is forcing extra feeding, but this cannot offset the general complaint of slaughtering of cattle in many states to prevent a spread of foot and mouth disease, and the probability that more corn will be left to come to market.

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
July	1192	1194	1193	1193
Dec.	1191	1194	1191	1191
May	1224	1227	1222	1222
Corn				
July	701	704	699	699
Dec.	631	633	629	629
May	631	633	629	629
Oats				
July	48	48	47 1/2	47 1/2
Dec.	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
May	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Barley				
July	18 30	18 37	18 25	18 25
Dec.	18 30	18 37	18 25	18 25
May	18 30	18 37	18 25	18 25

PRICES TURNED EASIER FOR WINNIPEG WHEAT

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—The Liverpool market was unchanged, and this fact steadied the local market. Wheat futures opened 1/2 lower to 1/4 higher, oats unchanged, and flax 1/2 to 1/4 lower. The market up to noon was weak, which generally was unexpected in face of a heavy trade in export sales. Exporters were buying extensively in May futures, and in spite of this prices turned easier.

Wheat futures closed unchanged to 1/4 lower, oats unchanged, and flax 1/2 to 1/4 lower. There was nothing doing in cash grains, some few scattered cars only being sold. Wheat closed unchanged, and flax 1/2 to 1/4 lower. Inspections Tuesday totalled 167 cars against 819 last year, and in sight were 120 cars.

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	1192	1194	1193	1193
May	1224	1227	1222	1222
July	1192	1194	1193	1193
Oats				
Dec.	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
May	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Barley				
Dec.	18 30	18 37	18 25	18 25
May	18 30	18 37	18 25	18 25
Flax				
Dec.	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
May	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2

ONLY LIMITED SEASON AT MONTE CARLO THIS YEAR

London, Dec. 16.—Because of the war, Monte Carlo is to have a limited season this year, opening some time in December. Formerly it was the custom to begin the gambling season on November 5, and long before then the frivolous world of sport and fashion had gathered here, and by December gaiety was at its height. Out of the 800 employees of the casino nearly 300 are now serving France with the colors. The rest have been retained in the service of the company at temporarily reduced rates.

MONTREAL MAN FOUND DEAD.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—A. C. Gee, who conducted a fruit auction store at 238 St. James street, was found dead this morning. The police say it is a case of suicide following despondency over money matters.

ATTENTION RIVETED

ON NEWEST WAR PHASE

Wall Street Watching Developments on North Sea as to Effect on Prices

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
New York, Dec. 16.—Prices were dull although somewhat firmer in tendency, pending new developments. Little was said of rate matters, the situation of the stock exchange committee of five officials announced that trading conditions in the market are now restored to a normal basis, excepting as to minimum price limits.

There was some discussion of the possibility of a reduction of the Bank of England discount rate after the turn of the year.

Stock	High	Low	Bid
Amalg. Copper	20.00	19.75	20.00
Amalg. Best Silver	20.00	19.75	20.00
Amalg. Can.	20.00	19.75	20.00
Amalg. Smelting	20.00	19.75	20.00
Amalg. Zinc	20.00	19.75	20.00
Amalg. Lead	20.00	19.75	20.00
Amalg. Tin	20.00	19.75	20.00
Amalg. Iron	20.00	19.75	20.00
Amalg. Steel	20.00	19.75	20.00
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Amalg. Iron	20.00	19.75	20.00
Amalg. Steel	20.00	19.75	20.00

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Stock	High	Low	Close
Jan.	12.25	12.25	12.25
March	12.25	12.25	12.25
May	12.25	12.25	12.25
July	12.25	12.25	12.25
Sept.	12.25	12.25	12.25
Nov.	12.25	12.25	12.25
Dec.	12.25	12.25	12.25

NO INTERIM DIVIDEND OF HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

London, Dec. 16.—Disappointment naturally is expressed here at the decision of the Hudson's Bay company directors to pay no interim dividend. This time few will be prepared to question the wisdom of the decision, although it is many years since shareholders had to face a similar experience, since the ordinary shares took their present form the prices have been up to 15%, and until this year never below 9%. The current price is about 7%, and has been much lower during the last few months.

TURKEY IS RETURNING CONSUL G. A. RICHARDSON

Rome, Dec. 15.—The negotiations between Italy and Turkey over the removal of G. A. Richardson, the British consul, from the Italian consulate at Hodeke, Arabia, are approaching a satisfactory solution. The Turks have returned Mr. Richardson to the consulate and presented excuses for his removal. They also promised to punish those guilty of the breach of diplomatic relations.

GREAT ANXIETY OVER ILLNESS OF EMPEROR

Paris, Dec. 16.—A Madrid dispatch published in the Journal says: "Refractory news received here says that Emperor William's condition, although reported by the bulletins as improving, is giving great anxiety. His doctors speak of a serious sore throat, following diphtheria, which the emperor contracted during a visit to the eastern front."

TWO BRITISH SHIPS ARE AFTER DRESDEN

Washington, Dec. 16.—Two British warships are pursuing the German cruiser Dresden, which left Punta Arenas on Sunday, according to an official telegram received to-day from the American embassy at Santiago, Chile.

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 16.—Advices received here from Punta Arenas are to the effect that when the German cruiser Dresden left that port Sunday evening, warships of the British squadron were waiting on both sides of the Strait of Magellan. The Dresden entered the strait after the naval engagement between the squadron of Vice Admiral Sturdee and Admiral Count von Sponne off the Falkland islands in which battle she was the sole vessel to escape.

The German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel-Friedrich is understood to be patrolling the coast of Northern Chile, on the lookout for the British ship Orcomba, which left Liverpool in October for Callao.

Santiago, Dec. 16.—The British cruiser Glasgow arrived at Punta Arenas last night. She departed quickly.

BRITISH DESTROYERS

ATTACKED CRUISERS

Eighteen Persons Killed by Bombardment of Scarborough by Germans

London, Dec. 16.—The Newcastle Evening Chronicle places the number of German cruisers which bombarded Hartlepool at three. It says that these cruisers were attacked almost immediately by four British destroyers.

The Yorkshire Evening News reports that two German cruisers were sunk in to-day's engagement, and that the British flotilla from Scarborough passed by the London censors, says that eighteen people were killed at Scarborough to-day by the bombardment of German warships. In one house four persons were killed outright and in another house three were killed by burning shells.

The local station of the coast guards was blown to pieces by shells. Communion service was being celebrated in St. Martin's church when two shells struck the building. The congregation remained calm.

The events of to-day have resulted in a general round up of alien enemies on the east coast of England. Many such men are now being held pending a clearing up of the situation.

Several entire rows of houses at Hartlepool were seriously damaged, the paper says. It is believed several persons were killed or wounded.

The Newcastle Evening Chronicle, according to a dispatch reaching London this evening, says there is a probability of a hostile attack on Tyne-mouth, in Northumberland, at the mouth of the Tyne and about 25 miles north of Hartlepool.

The mayor of Tyne-mouth, a popular resort in the north with a population of about 25,000 people, has issued a notice declaring that the local emergency committee has been advised by the military authorities to have the gas in Tyne-mouth turned off at once for military reasons. The civil population have been advised to remain indoors, but if necessary to leave their dwellings they are advised to go in the direction of Newcastle, eight miles away.

CHAMBERLAIN OFFERS TRIBUTE TO DOMINIONS

London, Dec. 16.—Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain, speaking at Birmingham, paid a glowing tribute to the help in men and material given by the overseas dominions. His remarks on home recruiting also were significant considering how many British papers have bewailed the supposed lack of public spirit at home.

"Remember," he said, "that we, alone among the great nations, take no compulsory toll of service from any man during the long years of peace. I have little patience with those who fill our ears with cries that our people are backward. Considering how little our statesmen prepared them beforehand during the long years of peace for this struggle I think it is wonderful with what unanimity they have come forward."

PREMIER'S MESSAGE IN KING ALBERT'S BOOK

London, Dec. 16.—Sir Robert Borden sends the following message, which is to be printed in King Albert's book, a work containing a variety of contributions, the sale of which is intended to benefit the Belgian relief fund: "For the crime of defending its territories against an unprovoked invasion by a power pledged to hold them inviolate, Belgium has with supreme fortitude endured sufferings and sacrifices almost unparalleled in the history of mankind. As long as love of liberty shall endure, and the character and greatness of the nation shall be measured by its ideals, the valor and heroism, faith and devotion of the Belgian people and their king shall dwell in the memory of men and shall be inspiration, not for Belgium alone, but for the world."

FRENCH TAKE OFFENSIVE ALONG EXTENDED FRONT

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 16.—The French armies appear to have taken the offensive along the entire front from Belfort to Sainte Marie Aux Mines. Heavy artillery firing causes the windows to shake in the houses here night and day. The French have converted Thann into a stronghold.

MESSUDIEH SANK AT ANCHOR, IS VISIBLE

Amsterdam, Dec. 16.—Telegrams from Constantinople, referring for the first time to the torpedoing by the British submarine B-11 of the Turkish battleship Messudieh in the Dardanelles on December 13, say that the warship sank at her anchorage and that parts of the vessel still are visible above the water. The Messudieh's crew was saved.

GENEROUS LEAVE FOR CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Salisbury Plains, Dec. 16.—Christmas leave is being granted the Canadians generously, 120 per cent. of each battalion receiving leave against a 10 per cent. ration which has been ruling during the last few weeks. The men going to Ireland get seven days, Scotland six days, north of England four days and London and neighborhood three days. Leave in each case will be granted at the discretion of the commanding officer.

MANITOBA VOTED ON

LOCAL OPTION PLAN

Carried in Fifteen Districts Lost in Brandon; Fifty Now Under the Law

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—This was election day for the rural municipalities throughout Manitoba, of which there are now about 155. The general interest, however, was largely monopolized by the voting on some twenty-two local option by-laws, the result of which will have an important bearing on the status of the liquor trade in the province. The principal contest was at Brandon City, where the hotelmen strenuously opposed the local option vote, and here local option was defeated by 335 votes. In fifteen districts local option carried; in five it was defeated and in Boissevain municipality a tie vote which counts as defeat was cast. It may be noted that no rural district registered a defeat, only urban centres being included in this district. The returns from Swan River, one of the north districts, will not be known until to-morrow. The results:

Carried—Urban centres—Grandview, Gilbert Plains, Neepawa, Portage, Municipality—Portage, Grandview, Oakland, South Cypress, Whitewater, Louise, Bifrost, Russell, Gilbert Plains, Harrison and Strathclair.

Defeated—Urban centres—Brandon (City), Deloraine, Melita, Wawanesa, Russell Village, Boissevain (tie vote). To-day's voting makes the total of local option districts in Manitoba fifty.

MANY BULLETS FIRED FAIL TO REACH MARK

German Report Says Soldiers Used 4,000 Cartridges Each During First Month of War.

London, Dec. 16.—One of the things frequently noted by soldiers at the front in writing to relatives and friends is the extraordinary expenditure of bullets. A German report states that many German soldiers fired 4,000 cartridges apiece during the first month of the war. A British observer estimated that 25 German shells are wasted for every man killed by them.

In 1870 it was calculated that the Germans fired 150 bullets and six shrapnel shells for every wounded Frenchman. In the Russo-Japanese war it is said 3,000 bullets were fired for every life lost.

GERMANS LOSE HEAVILY ON LOWICZ ILOW FRONT

Petrograd, Dec. 16.—The Army Messenger publishes a series of communications from the front as follows: "On the front of Lowicz and Ilow violent German attacks have had no success. Our troops have repulsed the Germans, causing them to suffer great losses."

"South of Cracow the enemy attempted between the 12th and 14th of December to oppose our offensive by strengthening his position. On the 15th the enemy debouched in large numbers from the pass of Dukla and attempted to descend the slope on both sides of the Carpathians. Our troops, after a strong resistance, repulsed the enemy."

AUSTRIA NOT ASKING PEACE WITH RUSSIA

Petrograd, Dec. 16.—Rumors which have been in circulation for some time to the effect that Austria had been seeking to conclude a separate peace agreement with Russia without the consent of Germany, meet with emphatic denials in official circles here. A person in a position to speak authoritatively on this subject gave two basic reasons why in his opinion such an arrangement would be impossible. "The dual monarchy is bound to Germany in indissoluble ties, and has assumed such obligations that she is helpless until released by Germany."

"Furthermore, the Russian attitude as announced at the beginning of the war was that all Slavs must be freed from the German yoke. Therefore Russia's demands are such that if the dual monarchy should accede to them its action would be suicidal. Austria-Hungary's consent to a separate peace is not at all likely, until she reaches the point of utter exhaustion."

STIRRETT UNOPPOSED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—The shareholders of the Dominion Trust company, at their official meeting this morning, decided to offer no objection to the nomination of A. C. Stirrett of the General Administration society and Credit Foncier as liquidator for the company. This leaves Mr. Stirrett with the unanimous nomination of the depositors, general creditors and contributors and without opposition by the shareholders. The appointment of the permanent liquidator will be made by Chief Justice Hunter to-morrow.

The shareholders' committee, T. Langlois, Robert Macpherson, Jonathan Rogers, H. W. Leyens and William Savage, were continued in office as a permanent committee during the life of the liquidation.

GIVE AMBULANCES.

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Toronto, Ont., Dec. 16.—Senator Robert Jaffray died at 4:30 this morning.

Mr. Jaffray was in his usual health on Friday last and during that night was taken ill. Doctors were summoned at once and realized that the attack was so severe that with the senator's many years there were but slight chances for recovery. Everything possible was done to alleviate the trouble but strength gradually waned and the end came early this morning. The senator was conscious to the last. At the bedside were his son, W. C. Jaffray and his daughters, Mrs. Edson, Owen Sound, and Mrs. Wellington Cameron. Another son, Rev. Robert Jaffray, is a Presbyterian missionary at Wu Chow, China, and he was informed by cable of his father's death. Arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been completed.

The late Robert Jaffray had been for half a century one of the most prominent men in the public life of the Ontario capital, and was one of the leading Liberals in the Dominion. For the past eight years he occupied a seat in the senate, where his advice and experience was of great assistance to the country in the framing and consideration of legislation.

He was the son of William and Margaret (Heugh) Jaffray, and was born on the farm owned by his father, Skeach, near Bannockburn, Scotland, on January 23, 1832. His education was obtained at the Bannockburn school, where he was a student on leaving for the mainland, and he was engaged in commercial life there for some years. He came to Canada when he was twenty, in 1852, and settled in Toronto, where he went into business on his own account as a wholesale and retail grocer. He built up one of the largest businesses in the Dominion in that line, and remained at the head of the firm until 1882.

Since that time Mr. Jaffray had devoted his attention to various commercial, financial and industrial undertakings and he was connected as an officer or director with some of the chief concerns in the Dominion, including the Canada Life Assurance company, the Toronto General Trusts corporation, the Imperial Bank, the King Edward Hotel company, the General Electric company. In 1874 he was a government director of the old Northern railway, and was instrumental in having a royal commission appointed to inquire into its affairs. Subsequently he was a director of the Midland railway. Both these have been for many years a portion of the Grand Trunk system.

Mr. Jaffray had a large share in the development of this province as one of the promoters and the vice-president of the Crown's West Pass Coal company. This brought him out to the province many times and he was a good friend to British Columbia in parliament and out. For the last quarter of a century he was president of the Globe Printing company. He was a member of the Canadian Patriotic Fund association in 1901, was one of the original commissioners of the Queen Victoria Park board at Niagara Falls, was chairman of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway commission until the defeat of the Ross government in 1905. He was called to the senate on March 8, 1906. In religion he was a member of the Presbyterian church, and he was a Mason of high standing.

Mrs. Jaffray died in 1906, after a married life of forty-six years. There are two sons and two daughters surviving, one of the sons being engaged in mission work in China.

TO SALVE OLD GOLD.

Seattle, Dec. 16.—C. F. Stagger, a deep-sea diver, yesterday made application to the United States government for a permit to salvage gold from the Russian gunboat Neva, which struck a rock off Cape Edgecombe, near the entrance to Sitka harbor and went to the bottom more than sixty years ago.

Last summer, while Stagger was at Sitka, engaged in salving the fishing schooner Montana, which caught fire and was beached on Baranof Island, he was informed of the wrecked Russian gunboat Neva, by Rev. Father George Kostrometoff, the resident Russian-Greek priest at Sitka, who, during the early summer, visited Cape Edgecombe, and while in that vicinity in a small boat, sighted the sunken craft resting on the bottom at a depth between ten and twelve fathoms.

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PREPARING ESTIMATE OF CIVIC EXPENSES

With Police Figures Ready, Only School Board Total is Lacking

The principal business in municipal circles is the preparation of the tentative estimates for 1915. With the completion by the police commissioners of the figures for that department yesterday afternoon, only the school figures are outstanding, and they will be approved at a special meeting of the board to-morrow afternoon. The police department will require about \$37,000, it is stated, as against \$114,000 this year, although the latter total will not be expended, because by the recent decision of the board all automatic increases have ceased and other economies have been brought about.

The city comptroller is going through the figures submitted to him by the various departments in order to tabulate them for presentation to the council. So far as has been ascertained, nearly all show considerable cuts from those prepared last spring. The cuts vary from 15 to 25 per cent. The reduction of the council calling for the heads of departments, as far as possible, to reduce by one-fourth of the previous total. The engineering department's estimate, the most important, is framed on a considerable reduction from past figures.

The city council has offered to receive a deputation from the Civic Betterment association on Friday afternoon to hear the members' views as to how the city can prune its estimates. It is hoped some suggestions may be made which will bring about further economies.

At the present time the maintenance of civic institutions and the payment of the interest and sinking fund for the various obligations to which the city has committed itself in past years are so great, that the possibility of a considerable lessening in the total is not anticipated by civic officials. Among the fixed items for which larger sums will be required in 1915 are added charges for waterworks, which will be offset by smaller payments to the Esquimalt Waterworks company for water, and an increase on local improvement by-laws. The present state of financial affairs places the new council in an unpleasant position. It is expected that ratepayers will find it harder to pay local improvement charges in May next, and until the owners find their levies, the money must be provided from the general rates. This is the first year that there has been a falling off in these payments to the extent that it has been necessary to consider the matter in the annual budget.

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Councilor Grant and Saanich Waterworks; Friendly Help Association; Work

"What is the use of this delay? To have the tenders postponed another two weeks is too serious a matter. I would spur up the department that is responsible for this delay."

This was the remark of Councilor Grant when he learned at the Saanich council meeting yesterday that the tenders for the waterworks had not been invited.

Councilor Williams: "We have given authority for these tenders to be invited."

Councilor Grant: "But this will put it off for another two weeks, and I would like to know why."

Councilor Adams: "There are already some quotations in for the undertaking."

Councilor Williams: "There will be tenders in on a bond, as well as a cash basis for the work."

Councilor Chandler: "That will be after the end of our term."

Councilor Grant: "That will be in the sweet bye-and-bye. (Laughter.)" The acting clerk stated that the delay was due to the preparations necessary for the bills of quantities.

and fully recognized what was being accomplished by the ladies.

Mrs. Eberts observed that it was very hard to secure clothing when so much had gone to the Belgians, and she hoped the council could give a grant in cash.

Councilor Chandler asked how much the deputation thought would be required each month. Councilor Grant favored concentration of the relief work with the association. If this were done the council ought to support it.

Councilor Sherwood moved and Councilor Williams seconded a motion that the council should give a sum of \$100 immediately, beyond whatever powers are already entrusted to the relieving.

The nomination for the annual election will take place at the Royal Oak hall on January 11. Assessor R. F. F. Sevel was appointed returning officer.

The polling places will be as follows: Ward 1—Cedar Hill school-house. Ward 2—Tolmie school. Ward 3—Gordon Head hall. Ward 4—Mackenzie Avenue school. Ward 5—Royal Oak hall. Ward 6—Temperance hall, Saanich. Ward 7—Vacant store, corner of the Tillicum-road and Gorge road.

The court of revision on the voters' list will take place on the statutory date, January 4.

"Why are you fighting so?" inquired the bystanders, moved at length to curiosity. "To save civilization!" replied the nations severally. Here a dragged figure rose from the mire under the feet of the combatants and jumped lightly away. "And who are you?" asked the bystanders, with a disposition to get to the bottom of the matter. "Don't speak to me—I'm civilization!" the figure made answer, somewhat pettishly.

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